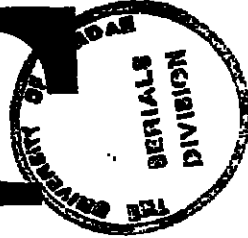


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Wye deal to launch final status talks

What's in the accord?

By DANNA HARMAN

There is a specific schedule for the implementation of the Wye Memorandum, based on reciprocity and outlining in detail when commitments must be fulfilled. If any stage goes unfulfilled — and it will be determined by a tripartite committee — the next stage will not be launched.

Weeks 1-2

- Final-status talks will begin.
- Israel, the Palestinians, and the CIA will prepare a security plan that includes the imprisonment by the Palestinian Authority of 30 murderers wanted by Israel.

Originally, Israel had discussed the transfer of 36 men. However, five who are wanted solely for criminal activities — as opposed to terror attacks — were left out of the final deal.

The arrest of Palestinian police chief Ghazi Jabali is still a matter of contention, with the Palestinians refusing to arrest him on the grounds that he is an important player in the fight against Hamas.

Israel, officially, says it sees imprisonment as the first step towards extradition. But it is unlikely there will be a transfer of prisoners. The Palestinians continue to refuse the demand and it is unclear whether the Israeli security services even want the burden of holding the men in Israeli prisons.

- The Palestine Liberation Organization executive will convene to begin amending the Palestinian Covenant.

- The joint anti-incitement committee will meet. The committee is responsible for the writing of regulations prohibiting all forms of incitement to violence or terror in the Palestinian Authority's jurisdiction, similar to existing Israeli legislation on the subject.

- At least one "safe passage" route between Gaza to Jericho will be opened within a week.

- Once these are done, Israel will complete an initial redeployment of 2 percent.

Weeks 3-6

- The PLO's Central Committee will convene to amend the Covenant.

- A plan for illegal weapons collection in Palestinian-ruled areas will be completed and a list will be prepared of illegal members of the Palestinian Police whom Israel accuses of being terrorists. Under the supervision of the United States, these policemen will be thrown off the force.

- During week six, the expanded Palestinian National Council, along with all public bodies representing the Palestinians, will convene to amend the covenant. US President Bill Clinton said he would attend this meeting.

- At the end of all these stages, Israel will begin to carry out the second redeployment, transferring 5 percent from Area C (Israeli-controlled territory) to Area B (land jointly controlled by Israel and the Palestinians).

Weeks 7-12

- Collection of weapons in Palestinian-run areas will begin. Israel will hear a report from US inspectors that the Palestinian Police has been cut from the current 40,000 to the 24,000 policemen set in the Oslo Accords.

- The second redeployment will be completed, so that 13 percent of the West Bank will be transferred to the Palestinians (10 percent, plus 3 percent as a nature reserve).

- In addition, at the end of 12 weeks, 14.2 percent of Area B will become Area A, in which the PA has sole control.

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Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat (left) and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu congratulate one another in the East Room of the White House on Friday after signing the Wye Memorandum, as President Bill Clinton and Jordan's King Hussein look on. (AP)

Sources: There was a tacit deal to release Pollard

By BATSHEVA TSUR and DANNA HARMAN

There was a tacit understanding about Jonathan Pollard's release between President Bill Clinton and Israel, which tied the release to the implementation of the Wye Memorandum, a source in Jerusalem said last night.

But at no stage did Clinton speak of Pollard being released immediately.

Pollard's dad disappointed that Israel 'caved in', Page 3

ately, the source said. Friday's showdown over Pollard's release will further delay it, the source added.

"The expectation was that, as each side implemented its part of the agreement, there would be 'humanitarian' gestures," the source said.

Thus, for example, Clinton was expected to announce the release of Pollard and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak would announce

the release of Azzam Azzam, after Israel set free the 750 Palestinian prisoners, the source explained.

This would have made it much simpler for Clinton to win the approval of Congress. The Republicans had earlier indicated they would not resist the release as long as Pollard was not turned into a hero.

The expectation, too, was that Clinton would wait until the end of November so the Democrats would not be embarrassed by the Pollard issue during the upcoming elections, the source added.

Clinton also had to have something in hand — the agreement's implementation — to win over the approval of US security officials, who oppose the release, the source pointed out.

"There was certainly no intention that Pollard would return to Israel on Netanyahu's plane and be met with the fanfare of the IDF band and a red carpet," the source said. "The manner, it had been agreed, would be kept discreet."

The source said that whoever had leaked the story "was either interested in torpedoing the move for unknown reasons or was unaware



Jonathan Pollard

of the implications."

In his speech at the White House ceremony before the peace deal was signed, Clinton said of the Pollard issue: "I have agreed to review this matter seriously" at Netanyahu's request. "I have made no commitment as to the outcome," Clinton added.

Israel had delayed a final agreement on the Wye deal by demanding Pollard's immediate release. Later an Israeli official said that the dispute had been settled, and that

Pollard would not be flying back to Israel on Netanyahu's plane, as the prime minister had initially wanted.

Senior Israeli sources said that Clinton had promised to release Pollard several weeks ago, when Netanyahu last met him in Washington.

According to the sources, Clinton reiterated this commitment on Thursday and Israel felt it had an understanding with the president.

A US official said that, while Clinton may have been willing to allow Pollard's release, the interference of several other key players — such as CIA chief George Tenet and House Speaker Newt Gingrich — stayed his hand.

Cabinet secretary Dan Naveh said yesterday that the matter of Pollard's release remains a priority for the prime minister.

Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein, who was involved in lobbying on Pollard's behalf in the Labor Party, even though Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has not yet returned to Israel and no such offer has been made.

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Netanyahu turns centrist, but still faces Right

In June 1996, four days after winning the elections, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu addressed a euphoric crowd at Jerusalem's International Convention Center and said, "I turn to the whole population of Israel, those who voted for me and those who did not vote for me; I say to you that I intend to be the prime minister of everyone."

By signing the Wye Memorandum on Friday, Netanyahu made good on his pledge.

It obviously would have been much easier for Netanyahu, a man for whom Likud and Revisionist ideology is in his blood, to have turned his back on Oslo.

But by not doing so, by adopting the Oslo process, he has shown that he learned from one of Yitzhak Rabin's biggest mistakes: It is not enough to be the leader of half the nation.

Rabin was determined to go ahead with Oslo, and paid no heed

to those screaming and shouting against it. He had his slim Knesset majority, and would proceed how he saw fit.

Everyone else could, as he said, spin like "propellers."

Netanyahu took a different tack. He, too, had a slight majority, and possibly could have buried the agreement. But he was wise enough — some say politically cunning and pragmatic enough — to realize the will of the nation, and let it override his ideological bent.

The Oslo process, and indeed the creation of a Palestinian state, has taken on an air of inevitability.

The consequences of a Palestinian state, depending on one's political outlook, may be wonderful or catastrophic. Yet poll after poll shows that the majority of Israelis support and want the Oslo process to continue, and that most

feel a Palestinian state will be created.

ANALYSIS

By MERRICK KENNON

Netanyahu, by signing the Wye Memorandum, has attached himself to the inevitable. He will try to steer it one way or another, but recognizes the strength of its pull.

There are those who argue that the Likud imprimatur was placed on Oslo after the Hebron Accord. But that was an accord that Netanyahu largely inherited, and tried to upgrade.

The Wye Memorandum is his. He, and the Likud, are now wedded to the process. Labor forged it, but the Likud got most of the rest of the country on board.

Most, but not all. There still remains the ideological Right, whose members see ceding part of the land as a sellout. But even for them, there are few alternatives.

They will stew over the new agreement. Inevitable will be hurled at Netanyahu, a few demonstrations will be held, some roads will be blocked. But the demonstrations will not have same fury as they did when Rabin was responsible for an IDF pullout from the territories.

Over the last two years, Netanyahu has not tried to marginalize the settlers, but has listened to and stroked them. Now he will reap the benefits in the form of relatively muted protest.

By signing the Wye Memorandum, Netanyahu has firmly placed himself in the political center.

But by doing it after months of trials and tribulations, with evident pain, with Sharon in his cabinet and settler leader Uri Elitzur as his chief of staff, he has, at the same time, not cut himself off completely from the ideological Right — despite what may be heard over the next few days in the Knesset

By DANNA HARMAN and HILLEL KUTTNER

WASHINGTON — Israel and the Palestinian Authority signed the Wye Memorandum at the White House on Friday, capping nine days of round-the-clock negotiations and paving the way for final-status talks.

The long-overdue agreement is to be implemented over a 12-week period, in accordance with a very specific schedule.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu was scheduled to arrive back in Israel this afternoon, and is expected to bring the agreement to the cabinet for ratification later this week. Pending ratification, implementation of the agreement is to begin in 10 days.

As the schedule specifies, the significant Israeli pullback will not take place until the end of week six — but maps of the entire planned redeployment will be shown to the Palestinians right after Netanyahu presents them to the cabinet.

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Netanyahu also intends to present the cabinet with details of the aid package — thought to be nearly \$1 billion — the US has committed to giving Israel to help carry out the redeployment by relocating bases, building new roads, etc.

In addition, certain unpublicized assurances — written and oral — that have been given to Israel by the US, regarding such issues as the third redeployment and the Palestinian plan to declare statehood, are also to be presented to the cabinet.

Final-status talks, to be led on the Israeli side by Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon, are to begin here within 10 days. US President Bill Clinton indicated Friday he hopes to convene another trilateral summit next spring to mark progress on the final-status talks.

"In the end, after all the twists and turns and ups and downs, all their late and ultimately sleepless nights, both reaffirmed their com-

mitment to the path of peace, and for that the world can be grateful," a weary Clinton said of his equally fatigued partners, before a packed East Room audience at the Friday ceremony.

After 20 consecutive hours of talks that began on Thursday morning, the deal was finally clinched at dawn Friday, but was put on hold almost immediately when Netanyahu sought Clinton's assurance that he would free convicted spy Jonathan Pollard from a federal penitentiary and allow him to emigrate to Israel.

The noon-time signing was postponed while Clinton and Netanyahu discussed the matter at the Wye River Conference Center. When an understanding was finally reached, the signing was set for late afternoon and the three delegations sped 100 km west.

By the time the White House ceremony concluded, there were fewer than 10 minutes to spare before the onset of Shabbat — as Clinton himself mentioned in his remarks.

In the end, Clinton pledged to "review the [Pollard] matter seriously," but said he gave "no commitment as to the outcome of this review."

Netanyahu said the Wye deal benefits both sides and leaves him "brimming with some confidence" that Israel and the Palestinians can reach a final accord, though "I guarantee you it will not be easy."

"We are more secure today, because for the first time since the signing of the Oslo Accords, we will see concrete and verifiable commitments carried out," Netanyahu said. "Our Palestinian partners will join us in fighting terrorism. They will follow a detailed and systematic plan to fight terrorists and their infrastructure, to jail killers that have so far roamed at large, to stop vitriolic incitement, and above all, finally, after 35 years, to cancel the articles in the Palestinian Charter which call for the destruction of Israel."

The president also took note of the domestic gamble each man had undertaken in coming to Wye, departing from his prepared text to say that they both expect extremists to undermine the deal and "that in the short run, they themselves may have put themselves at greater risk."

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Labor debates possible unity gov't

By SARAH HONIG

Following the signing of the Wye Memorandum, the national unity controversy is again raging in the Labor Party, even though Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has not yet returned to Israel and no such offer has been made.

Labor politicians were huddled last night in MK Yossi Beilin's home, with the issue of how to react to the deal secured at Wye the ostensible topic of discussion.

However, many Labor sources told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that uppermost in many Labor minds is the question of what to do if the Likud invites Labor to join the Netanyahu coalition.

Such an invitation, it is said in Labor, has become more likely than ever, because Netanyahu cannot continue to rely on his coalition. There will be too much opposition from his right flank to the deal he wrought in Wye to allow his current government to continue in power for long.

One school of thought in Labor is that Netanyahu will opt for early elections. If he initiates elections, he can determine when they will be scheduled and would be likely to opt for a speedy campaign of 60 days to foil the formation of any new political parties and to try and get reelected before his agreement unravels.

Another opinion in Labor is that Netanyahu will try the national-unity option before calling elections, since he cannot be sure of

winning an election.

The national-unity option has several champions inside the coalition, including coalition whip MK Meir Sheerit (Likud), The Third Way and possibly Shas and Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon.

Labor's former leader Shimon Peres was sounding out his supporters on the possibility over the weekend, the *Post* has learned.

This has already resulted in a nervous reaction from Labor Party chairman Ehud Barak. While he issued a statement supporting the Wye deal, Barak said his party will vote for it in the Knesset but would not spread out a lengthy safety net for Netanyahu.

Barak said he continues to favor early elections, will work for the bill on the matter now pending after it has passed its preliminary reading, and will reject any offers to join a national-unity coalition.

But former Labor secretary-general and Peres confidante MK Nissim Zivili has come out in favor of national unity arguing, "it is the best possible development for the country. Labor ought to carefully weigh the possibility and it must under no circumstances reject it out of hand."

Former housing minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer also advised caution.

"Nothing should be dismissed out of hand. This is a serious issue and Labor would do well to deliberate this issue very carefully," he said.

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Right outraged at Wye signing, Left skeptical

By SARAH HONG

There were few surprises in the response to the deal Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu forged at Wye Plantation. Those to the prime minister's right expressed disappointment and outrage. To his left, the Wye Memorandum was welcomed, but acid barbs were nevertheless aimed at Netanyahu and doubt was cast on his commitment to actually implement it.

The Likud itself was split; many of the ministers and leading MKs chose not to comment on the record, claiming that they cannot do so until they have seen the agreement in full.

However, a slight shift seemed to be discernible among the Likud ministers, who only last week banded together to oppose an agreement.

Communications Minister Limor Livnat said, "From what we hear of the deal it is not completely without its achievements. There are some improvements on what we had before. I will have to see it all in full and hear the prime minister's explanations before I decide how I will vote. The test will be just how much reciprocity there really is here."

Nevertheless, Livnat is expected to vote against the deal or abstain when it comes up for deliberation in the cabinet.

Science Minister Silvan Shalom, according to Likud sources, is expected to join the deal's supporters. He extolled "the safety valves in the agreement. Every move hinges on the implementation of the Palestinian Authority's commitments. This is certainly something which had not existed in previous agreements. This needs to be studied carefully, however, because of problematic concessions, such as the extraditions which were promised in previous agreements but never carried out. The fog surrounding the third phase will foment friction in the future and [PA Chairman Yasser] Arafat did not really promise not to declare independence unilaterally."

Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi, however, is not likely to vote for the agreement, and there is continuing speculation over how Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon will vote. Despite his pivotal role at the Wye negotiations, his spokesman last night issued a statement saying that Sharon notes "the considerable achievements in the agreement, but he continues to believe that a 13 percent withdrawal is dangerous."

The consensus in the Likud is that Sharon may vote against the deal. A sure way vote will come from Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan (Tsimrat), who said yesterday that he has "absolutely no faith in the

deal. The Arabs have a long tradition of not living up to any undertaking. The great accomplishments of this deal were all necessitated by the fact that Arafat failed to live up to what he was supposed to do under the original Oslo Accords. We need to talk now about amending the Palestinian Charter, collecting illegal arms and shrinking the PA's police because Arafat cheated from the beginning."

Likud MK Uzi Landau, chairman

of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, said he lamented the fact that "Netanyahu allowed [US President Bill] Clinton to lock him up at Wye and the coercion him. As was the case in Hebron, Netanyahu blinked first. I cannot find words to express my disappointment."

Molodet leader Rehavam Ze'evi accused Netanyahu of having "trampled our national self-respect. We got nothing at Wye, we only

gave. We will be handing over 27% of the territory and not, as claimed, 13%. We will release terrorists and they will get an airport, a sea port, etc. Netanyahu has betrayed his voters and has capitulated to an American president who needs us to pay for his personal involvements."

On the other side of the political divide, Labor chairman Ehud Barak said he "is happy about the very fact that a deal had been reached, but I cannot say that I am excited about

it. This is far from what we need to make peace and this government is totally incapable of making peace. Only a Labor government can bring real peace to Israel."

"We will vote for the agreement, but work hard at the same time to advance the elections. We will win these elections and then Israel will have peace."

MK Yossi Beilin (Labor) asserted, "Netanyahu never deliberately set out to make peace. It wasn't his policy. He meandered into it unintentionally. He is not a real man of the political center, but a directionless man. Still, I am happy the summit yielded an agreement, though it is identical to what Israel was offered many months ago."

Meretz leader Yossi Sand said the same: "Netanyahu just wasted precious time getting nowhere. We could have had the same long ago, with less destruction of good will with the Palestinians and needless acrimony with the Americans. Netanyahu managed to outrage our best friends, the Americans. The whole attempt to harp on the Pollard case was stupid and a cheap ploy to win propaganda points."

Sand said he still does not trust the deal Netanyahu reached "because I don't believe he has any intention of implementing it. I said I would eat a cigar if he signed a deal, I will eat it, when he actually implements it."

Former prime minister Shimon Peres called the Wye Memorandum a "victory" for the Oslo Accords, which kicked off the peace process five years ago.

"I think this is a victory for the Oslo Accords. [Some] people claimed that it is dead. The opposition to it is dying," Peres said Friday.

While Peres said he was "happy" an agreement had been reached, he warned "most of the problems lay ahead."

Basheva Tsor adds: President Ezer Weizman last night congratulated Netanyahu and the ministers who helped forge the Wye Memorandum while "safeguarding the needs and demands of the state," but noted that the implementation could be difficult.

"We have now crossed a most significant stretch in the journey towards peace," Weizman said. "But the important test will be, in the short run, the application of the agreement, after which we can expect to continue along the path leading eventually to a permanent arrangement with the Palestinian people, Syria, Lebanon and the other countries in the region."

Weizman said he foresaw a period of "prosperity and growth in the coming years. The state will be a source of pride for its citizens and a lodestone for aliyah from the Diaspora."

Likud Young Guard can't drum up support for Netanyahu's deal

By SARAH HONG

The Likud Young Guard tried to organize a small demonstration in support of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, but could not find even a handful of members who were willing to express support for the Wye Memorandum.

The idea that Gilad Arden, who heads the young guard, suggested to the members was that they assemble in front of Meretz MK Yossi Sarid's home and offer him cigars. This was to be a sarcastic reminder to Sarid that the had ridiculed Netanyahu's attempts to

strike a deal at Wye Plantation, saying he would eat a cigar if Netanyahu came back with a signed agreement.

Sarid, on Friday, conditioned his cigar munching on Netanyahu's actually implementing what he signed. Sarid argued that signing an agreement is not the real test, which would come only when Netanyahu pulls the IDF back from all the land he undertook to turn over to the PA.

The Jerusalem Post learned that despite repeated phone calls and entreaties to dozens of young guard

members, not enough were found to mount any sort of a demonstration. The organizer heard from many members that they would be willing to demonstrate against the agreement but not for it.

A Likud source pointed to this as indicative of the plight Netanyahu faces in his own political and ideological backyard.

The Likud, meanwhile, issued an official statement congratulating Netanyahu, saying the signing of the agreement in Washington "shows that 'a secure peace' was not just an election slogan."

Now for the tough part

If Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had a rough time at Wye Plantation, that will all seem like a

ANALYSIS

By SARAH HONG

summer-camp romp compared to what awaits him here on his return. The big questions in the political arena are whether he did not commit political suicide out in Maryland, and whether he did not single-handedly shorten his government's life expectancy.

Those more optimistic souls around Netanyahu think not. They may only be putting on brave faces, but to hear them, the prime minister has in fact conquered the political center and had made himself all but impregnable. His advantage in any upcoming early election would be enormous, they predict.

More immediately, some of them even go so far as to pooh-pooh the dire warnings by the far Right that it will bring Netanyahu down.

To hear them, the agreement he has contracted is so good that the more troublesome Likud ministers are sure to be swayed. They are even more certain that Netanyahu can work his magic on his ultra-hawkish NRP ministers - Yitzhak Levy and Shaul Yahalom.

They note that, contrary to Labor claims, the agreement is quite unlike anything which the Americans had already offered Israel months ago. Netanyahu will argue to his coalition partners that, in his deal, every move is condi-

tioned on the Palestinians' living up to a previous commitment. There are dates and specifications and

everything is tightly nailed down, so that mere words and honeyed pronouncements by Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat will not get him off the hook.

Thus even the NRP has not been written off in some Likud quarters, where it is believed that Levy, Yahalom, and others are amenable to persuasion, "because their only alternative is [Labor's Ehud] Barak as prime minister and Yossi Beilin handing Arafat all he wishes in the upcoming permanent-status talks. If they bring early elections about they cannot be sure who will win," warns Health Minister Yehoshua Matza, who, often echoes Netanyahu's sentiments.

Netanyahu himself might initiate early elections, but not if he has any other viable choice, it is thought in the Likud. The wishful thinking around Netanyahu is not only that the NRP will listen to reason after a respectable period of outraged indignation, but that it will also not dare go to early elections, because it is afraid of them.

Reality, however, may fly in Netanyahu's face. What happened to then prime minister Yitzhak Shamir in 1992 should be enlightening for him.

Settler leaders weigh next steps

By MARGOT DUDKEWITZ

The Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza will hold an emergency meeting this morning to discuss its next steps, following the signing of the Wye Memorandum.

Meanwhile, settlers will block intersections and highways throughout Judea and Samaria this morning for two hours in protest, warning the demonstrations will be on a larger scale than those last week.

Last night, settlers from Hebron, Kiryat Arba and the Hebron Hills area held an emergency meeting and a prayer service outside the Machpela Cave, to protest the agreement, which they said is life-threatening. Settlers expressed their dismay over the agreement, and said they were ashamed of and disappointed in Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who they had considered a leader of the nationalist camp.

Council director-general Aharon Domb first called the agreement "a betrayal" but quickly changed it to "an agreement of surrender," warning it will have severe ramifications.

Council spokeswoman Yehudit Tayar said that while the settlers will now have not forcefully protested as they had against the Labor government, once they see the maps and realize the implications it "will be enough to set people off."

Hebron Hills Regional Council chairman Uri Zilberman said:

"Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu succeeded in misleading us and putting the wool over our eyes. Where are all the security demands Netanyahu promised he would stand firmly on?"

Zilberman warned that the settlers will not sit placidly. Netanyahu would no longer be viewed as a leader of the nationalist camp, he added, saying Netanyahu himself would have demonstrated three years ago against such an agreement.

As members of the Right threatened to topple the government, the Jewish Leadership Movement said it was stepping up its efforts to find an alternative candidate to Netanyahu.



Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat (left) is welcomed by Austrian Chancellor Viktor Klima at the plenary session of the EU summit in Poertschach, Austria, yesterday. Arafat briefed the EU leaders on the Wye Memorandum. (AP)

PA officials pleased, extremists reject accord

By STEVE RODAN and MOHAMMED NAJIB

The Palestinian Authority expressed satisfaction yesterday with the Wye Memorandum, with officials saying the Palestinians achieved another step in their drive for a state.

But critics said the agreement is a humiliation for the Palestinians and turns the PA into an arm of the Israeli and US security agencies.

PA Secretary-General Tayeb Abdul Rahim said the Wye agreement is a phase toward the fulfillment of all Palestinian rights.

PA minister and negotiator Saeb Erekat said the Wye agreement contained all of the elements of the US bridging proposal supported by the PA.

He told the PA-aligned *Al-Ayyam* daily yesterday "We maintained the deal in its comprehensive state," and said that the government of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu agreed to hand over more than 27 percent of the West

Bank to full Palestinian control, far more than what its Labor Party predecessor had offered.

Palestinian Legislative Council member Hussam Khader said the accord aims to protect Israel's economic, political and security interests.

"The fear is that the PA security apparatus will become a department of the CIA and the Mossad if the PA concession is allowed to remain," Khader told *The Jerusalem Post*.

Still, Khader asked Hamas to give the accord a chance and halt attacks on Israelis.

Hamas spokesman Ismail Abu Shanab said the accord is a continuation of the Oslo agreements, which the Islamic movement opposes.

"It does not realize the ambitions of the Palestinian people for their rights," he said. "As a result, we reject this."

Abu Shanab said the PA is committed to the security demands issued by Israel. He said about 200 political prisoners remain in PA

custody.

The Hamas spokesman asserted that the movement would not violate PA law. But he suggested that Hamas would launch attacks from areas under Israeli control.

"The Palestinian people have the right to defend itself until the liberation," he said.

Syria's government newspaper, *Al-Thawra*, said, "It is rather a liquidation and a total surrender of what has remained of the Palestinian rights."

The English-language *Syria Times* said the agreement was a "trap for the Palestinian side, which has left itself open to Israeli threats."

In Damascus, an alliance of Palestinian groups, including Islamic Jihad, vowed to torpedo the Wye accord, saying it was a conspiracy against Palestinians.

David Rudge adds: Israeli Arab leaders yesterday warmly welcomed the accord, but maintained that a similar agreement could have been reached two years ago.

"We are very pleased with this agreement, which we see as a renewal of the commitment to the process started in Oslo," said Abed Inbitawi, spokesman for the Israeli Arab leadership's monitoring committee.

"We hope that this move will lead to other steps on the path towards a just and comprehensive peace which itself is the best guarantee of ensuring security for both peoples - Israelis and Palestinians."

He maintained, however, that real and lasting peace could only be achieved if it were based on the concept of the eventual establishment of a Palestinian state.

"The real test, however, will be in getting the agreement improved and in implementing it in accordance with the timetable. From our experience, there is cause for concern in this aspect, especially in light of the influence that the extreme right-wing has on Israeli society in general and on this government, where it has strong representation, in particular," Inbitawi added.

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Family and friends

'The Post's' Beverlee Black loses brief but valiant battle

Beverlee Black, the long-time director of The Jerusalem Post Funds, lost a brief but valiant battle on Friday when she succumbed to cancer.

The fourth director of the funds, whose 50th anniversary will be marked later this year, Black was recruited into their voluntary service by founding director Helen Rossi soon after she joined *The Post* 17 years ago.

Born in Boston, Black moved to Maryland from where she, her husband Ron, and their three children Benita, Aaron, and Michal migrated to Israel in 1969.

It was during Black's tenure that the annual Pessah Arts and Crafts Fair in aid of the funds was established. It not only helped to boost the fund-raising effort, but gave supporters, particularly large families, an opportunity to have a pleasant, affordable outing where they were sure to bump into relatives and friends.

Her generosity was reflected in other areas of her life. A good friend remembers that Black could not walk past a beggar without leaving a few coins. Never sure whether the beggars were con merchants or people in genuine need, she always preferred to give them the benefit of the doubt.

Following the last Arts and Crafts Fair, Black immediately began planning for the funds' jubilee



Beverlee Black (Isaac Harari)

celebration, but was unable to complete the project. She was diagnosed in July as having inoperable brain cancer. Like anyone who hears the dreaded C-word, her first reaction was "Why me?" But she was also worried about her husband, who has been bed-ridden since suffering a stroke four years ago. Most of all, there was so much she still wanted to do for her children and grandchildren.

Told by her doctors that she had only a few weeks, at best a few months to live, Black made the most of every human contact, especially after she went blind. Unlike so many other patients at the French Hospice, who simply give up and wait for death, she waited eagerly for family and friends to come and visit and to fill her in on the latest news.

Keenly aware that the end was near, she made a point of saying goodbye and giving her visitors a good feeling about themselves. She died on Friday, and in accordance with Jerusalem custom, was buried almost immediately.

At her funeral *Post* President Paul Staszewski spoke not only of her love and warmth for others, but of her sense of humor and her devotion to duty.

"She had the quality and spirit of those genuine fundraisers who share the plight of those less fortunate than ourselves needing help and assistance, be it children, the elderly, new immigrants, or soldiers returning from active service," he said. He also noted that Black's weekly column describing the needs of people in Israel attracted response from all corners of the globe.

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Reflections on Wye

WASHINGTON

Finally, close to midnight on Friday,

several of the Israeli negotiators sat down

informally with all those members of the press they had been

chatting with throughout the week over mobile phones and

passed out the Wye Memorandum.

Munching on chocolate chip

cookies and intermittently nod-

dling off to sleep, the exhausted

negotiators stressed that this

was, "the absolute best deal we

could have gotten." And then,

out of a large brown manila

envelope labeled "For [cabinet

Secretary] Dan Naveh's eyes

only!!!!," came the sort of

specifications the public had only

been able to speculate about for

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

By DANIEL BRESMAN

Wednesday night, the

Israelis packed their

bags, protesting that

they had yet to

see any text outlining the

Palestinian commitments.

And then, at the very last

minute on Friday, Prime

Minister Benjamin Netanyahu

threatened to stop the whole

process after US President Bill

Clinton, according to the Israeli

rendition, reneged on his

promise to release convicted spy

Jonathan Pollard.

With everybody nervously

counting the passing hours, TV

stations ran and reran archive

photos of Pollard, and Clinton insisted

no such promise, written, oral or

otherwise, had been made.

Meanwhile, the helicopters on the

Wye Plantation pad stopped their

engines, the White House band

took a snack break, and the Israeli

delegation convened at Wye to dis-

cuss its next move. Sources pre-

sent at that meeting said the final

decision to go forward with the

signing ceremony had nothing to

do with Pollard.

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US Jewish leaders hail accord

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK — Congratulations and celebration of the "extraordinary milestone" were tempered with caution about compliance in the initial American Jewish responses to the Wye Accord.

The American Jewish Congress hailed the agreement as "an extraordinary milestone," while the Anti-Defamation League said it was a "breakthrough," and then both fretted about implementation in statements released shortly after the accord was signed in Washington on Friday evening.

"We expect the Palestinian Authority to live up to its long-standing commitment to eradicate anti-Israel and antisemitic incitement among Palestinians," said ADL's leaders, Howard P. Berkowitz and Abraham Foxman.

"We hope the Palestinian Authority will begin to seriously educate its populace — both children and adults — on the benefits of peace, tolerance and non-violence."

The ADL also urged the Palestinians to avoid "any threats or steps regarding a unilateral declaration of statehood."

The "real celebration" will have to wait until the agreement faces "the stress of daily life," the AJC said in a statement.

"It is one thing to offer pronouncements in the congenial environment of the Wye Plantation, quite another thing to face up to one's critics and opponents in Ramallah and Jerusalem."

All commended, with greater and lesser degrees of enthusiasm, President Bill Clinton for the American role in the negotiations, Americans for Peace Now added that it is "imperative for American engagement in the peace process to remain high."

"We are mindful that the May 4, 1999, expiration date for the Oslo Accords is rapidly approaching and a great deal of work remains to be done," Patricia Barr, chair of Americans for Peace Now, said in a statement. "Both Israelis and Palestinians must strictly adhere to the commitments they have made," and must refrain from unilateral acts that could undermine the process.

The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, which neglected to mention the role of Jordan's King Hussein, called on other states in the region to reinstitute committees on regional cooperation and to establish diplomatic ties with Israel.

It also asked European states to isolate rogue nations that support terrorism and to ensure Israel's full participation in the UN by having it join the "western European" regional bloc at the international organization.

Finally, the Presidents Conference said the American Jewish community has a responsibility to "help create conditions that will foster the implementation of the agreement," but it did not specify what those should be.



Holding back the olive branch

Palestinian farmer Mithqal Mithqal points yesterday to IDF soldiers preventing him from reaching his olive trees near Huwara in the West Bank. Police and troops prevented clashes between settlers from Yitzhar and left-wing activists led by MK Dedi Zucker, who came to help locals harvest olives in defiance of what they said was constant harassment by settlers. A police spokesman said that after a few hours the sides dispersed and security forces left.

(Reuters)

Palestinian journalists strike over PA arrests

By STEVE RODAN and MOHAMMED NABIE

The Palestinian Authority detained 11 Palestinian and foreign journalists over the weekend, confiscating their equipment and informing them that they would need special permission to cover politics or security.

In reaction, Palestinian journalists declared a strike as of yesterday evening.

The arrests took place on Friday night, when 11 journalists arrived at the home of Hamas spiritual leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin for his reaction to the agreement for an IDF withdrawal in the West Bank. While they were setting up cameras, two of Yassin's guards entered and said the Palestinian Police had closed the streets leading to the house.

Shortly after, without interviewing Yassin, the reporters decided to leave his home and were stopped by PA police several meters away. They were escorted to a nearby police station, where their equipment was confiscated.

The reporters said Brig.-Gen. Abu Ahmed Hindi, from the police criminal investigation department, arrived and told them that from now on they would require permission to cover political or security issues.

The following journalists were detained: Talal Abu Rahmeh, of French television and CNN; Fayez Nur Eldin, French press cameraman; Ibrahim Barzaq, Najib Abu Jbin and Adel Hana of the Associated Press; Shams and Abed Rabbo Shana, and Ahmad and Suhail Jadallah of Reuters; and Heidi Levine of Newsweek.

Pollard's father disappointed that Israel 'caved in' over release

By HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON — It was late Friday afternoon, and Morris Pollard had not heard the news that an ostensible American agreement to release his son Jonathan from prison was erroneous.

A professor at Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana, Pollard does not have cable television and could not follow the dramatic

events of the day, including reports that Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu was seeking to transport Jonathan Pollard to Israel after signing the Wye Accord.

"You mean they caved in?" a surprised Pollard asked. "How about that? I was hoping they'd take him back with him. I'd heard the Israeli delegation was so adamant. With [Foreign Minister]

Jonathan Pollard, a former civilian intelligence analyst for the US Navy, was arrested in 1985 and pleaded guilty in 1987 to providing Israel with secret US intelligence on the military capabilities of Arab countries still at war with Israel, including Iraqi chemical and biological warfare capacities. He received a life sentence.

At the time, Israel maintained that Pollard was part of a "rogue," unauthorized intelligence operation and apologized to the US. The organized American Jewish community, embarrassed by the incident, wanted nothing to do with Pollard.

But beginning in 1989, grassroots support for Pollard in the US and Israel began to force US Jewry and Israeli officials into action on his behalf, beginning with action to free his ailing first wife Anne, who was arrested with him and sentenced to five years in prison. She was released from prison in 1990 and moved to Israel; she and Pollard were divorced shortly afterward.

Also in 1989, MKs Gula Cohen of Tel Aviv and Edna Solodar of Labor were the first MKs to meet with Pollard and lobby on his

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behalf. In 1991 former Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations chairman Seymour Reich became the first major American Jewish leader to visit Pollard.

All legal attempts to improve Pollard's fate proved fruitless. In March of 1992, a US Federal Appeals Court panel rejected Pollard's appeal of his life sentence; in October the ruling was upheld by the Supreme Court.

Pollard supporters then turned to the political arena. An appeal was made to President George Bush as his term drew to a close in 1993, but Bush rejected it. In November 1993, President Bill Clinton said he had asked the Justice Department to review a request by then prime minister Yitzhak Rabin that he reduce Pollard's sentence. In March 1994, after receiving the Justice Department's recommendation, Clinton rejected the request.

Pollard then turned his attention

to forcing Israel to publicly claim him, officially petitioning for Israeli citizenship in September 1995. Under threat of a High Court petition, then-interior minister Ehud Barak reversed his position and granted Pollard a passport in 1996.

Continuing to press the government, in May 1997 Pollard petitioned the High Court to order Netanyahu to declare he had been an agent of Israel and not a rogue, as the government had claimed.

Meanwhile, the Netanyahu government had begun to publicly sympathize with Pollard and in November 1997 Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein became the first minister to visit him in prison, to be followed by Communications Minister Limor Livnat, Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman, Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai, Science Minister Michael Eitan, and cabinet secretary Dan Naveh, who, in the spring of 1998, was put in charge of coordinating Pollard's release.

Finally, on May 12, 1998, after more than a decade of denials, the government officially recognized Pollard as an Israeli agent.

remained "a little bit apprehensive because we weren't sure it was going to come forth."

"We would be very pleased if he gets out and goes to Israel," he said. "But we won't accept it as fact until he lands in Israel."

Hearing the news that his son would not be released, a subdued Pollard could say only: "It is, again, another disappointment."

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Health Ministry promises to end crisis

By JUDY SIEGEL and DAVID ZEV HARRIS

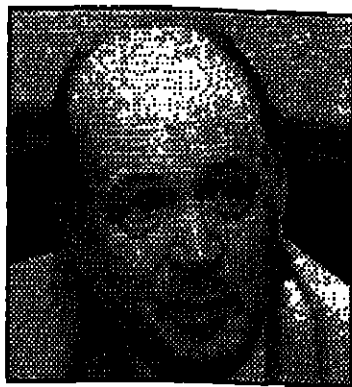
The Health Ministry says it will sign a "comprehensive financing agreement" with the Treasury this morning that would resolve the severe budgetary problems of the public hospitals and the health funds for 1998 and 1999. Health Minister Yehoshua Matza is to disclose "all the details of the agreement" at a noon press conference.

Although the Health Ministry spokesman, Yoram Malka, declined to provide advance information, it is believed the Treasury has agreed to allocate a total of NIS 600 million to NIS 700m. retroactively for 1998 and looking forward until the end of 1999.

Malka said the signing would be attended by Matza and Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman, as well as their respective directors-general.

Prof. Ya'acov Hart, head of the association of hospital directors, said he had been told about a financial agreement had been reached by Duda Milgrom, the chief of the Treasury's budget division, and Health Ministry Director-General Gabi Barbash after hours of deliberations on Thursday. But he had no details.

However, Milgrom last night



Yehoshua Matza (Brian Hendler)

denied any knowledge of an agreement or of the planned Health Ministry press conference. "There is no new agreement," he said, "however, we're working together as always to deal with old specific problems in the hospitals and health funds."

He said that if Matza has a press conference, he would probably "attack the cartels of the hospitals and health funds" that have been working jointly to press the Treasury to allocate more money.

Asked if NIS 700 million for two years would be enough, Hart said: "How could that be enough? The deficit for 1998 only is NIS 700 million. Voluntary hospitals such as

Hadassah, Bikur Holim, Shaare Zedek, Laniado, and Misgav Ladach, which have to pay their workers' salaries, are having great difficulty covering paychecks next month.

"And even government hospitals, whose workers' wages are paid by the state, have serious shortages of drugs and medical equipment. There are suppliers that are owed so much money by the hospitals and health funds that they're at risk of going bankrupt."

"We hospital directors were supposed to have an urgent meeting last night to decide when to institute an open-ended emergency schedule in the hospitals this week. We postponed it to [tomorrow] after the Health Ministry told us about the agreement, but we hope it isn't an exercise by Matza to allow Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to come back quietly and for the ministries to begin negotiations with the Treasury."

The hospital directors were distraught last week over the Knesset Finance Committee's refusal to transfer NIS 300 million to cover the health funds' debts to the hospitals. Although the vote had been expected to pass easily, the MKs balked, arguing that a comprehensive solution to the funding crisis must be reached.

Students shut down universities as strike spreads

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Students demanding a 50% reduction in tuition virtually sealed off the nation's institutions of higher education last night in a bid to shut them down this morning and prevent the nation's roughly 180,000 students from attending classes.

The strike thus spread to Tel Aviv University, Bar-Ilan University, the Hebrew University, Haifa University and Ben-Gurion University, where classes were to have begun this morning.

However, student leaders said they would not prevent teaching or administrative staff from entering the campuses.

Several dozen students were arrested in clashes with police last Wednesday when the strike erupted at the Technion and colleges where classes had already opened.

The students plan to focus their demonstrations around "tent cities" they set up on most of the campuses.

National Union of Israeli Students leader Lior Rothbart said last night "we hope to have little Woodstocks going on at the various campuses" with students participating in demonstrations at the tents, and even sleeping there if necessary.

He added that at Tel Aviv, Ben-Gurion and Haifa, a tacit agreement had been reached with the administrations regarding the student protests.

Rothbart said there had been no contact with either the Treasury or the Education Ministry since the students met with Education Minister Yitzhak Levy on Thursday. He said he believed the majority of the public supports the strike, "but tomorrow will be the real test."

He called on Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to "meet the challenge" and deal with the students' demands.

"We'd be happy if the prime minister helps us resolve the crisis," Rothbart said.

As of last night, the students said they had no plans to block intersections or otherwise interfere with the protest, but student leaders did not rule this out. Rothbart said he is sure police have been tapping the student leaders' phones.

The Association of Israeli University Heads expressed its "regret" last night over the students' decision to prevent the opening of the academic year.

Prof. Yehuda Hayut, chairman of the association and president of Haifa University, said that the universities are prepared to open as scheduled and expressed his hope that an agreement with the students would be reached.

IAF hits Hizbullah targets north of zone

By DAVID RUDGE

IAF warplanes struck at Hizbullah targets in the eastern sector of south Lebanon, north of the security zone, yesterday morning.

The IDF Spokesman said the pilots reported accurate hits on the targets and that all the planes returned safely to their bases.

Reports from Lebanon said the attack, by two planes, occurred in hilly countryside in the region of Kiliya village. According to the reports, the planes fired two rockets, apparently at trails used by gunmen to infiltrate into the security zone. There were no immediate reports of any casualties.

Later, in the afternoon, gunmen launched long-range mortar attacks at a number of IDF and South Lebanese Army outposts in the eastern and western sectors of the zone.

There were no casualties among troops manning the posts and no damage was caused. IDF gunners returned fire.

On Friday, a number of SLA positions in the eastern and western sector came under mortar and light weapons fire. There were no casualties or damage.

The Grapes of Wrath monitoring group is expected to convene at UNIFIL's headquarters in Nakoura this week to discuss

complaints from Israel and Lebanon over breaches of the understandings in recent fighting in the region.

Israel's main complaint relate to an incident over a week ago, in which Hizbullah gunmen fired a number of artillery shells which crossed the border and exploded in the orchard of a Western Galilee moshav, causing some damage.

Lebanon has lodged complaints over the reported damage to homes in villages north of the zone as a result of IDF and SLA shelling. There were also reports that a Lebanese civilian was wounded in one of the incidents last week.

Youth knifed to death

Arthur Skilariski, 19, of Ma'at, was stabbed to death late Friday night during a fight.

A soldier, 19, was arrested in the stabbing, and his remand was expected to be extended last night by the Acre Magistrate's Court.

Skilariski and several friends had gone to a pub, where they met another group of youths and a fight broke out. The two groups left the pub to "settle scores" at a nearby park, where a knife fight ensued. Skilariski was stabbed in the upper abdomen and died on the spot. Five others suffered moderate wounds.

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Text of the Wye Memorandum



Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat (left), US President Bill Clinton and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu (right) sign the Wye Memorandum on Friday in the East Room of the White House as Jordan's King Hussein looks on. (AP)

The following are steps to facilitate implementation of the Interim Agreement on the West Bank and Gaza Strip of September 28, 1995, and other related agreements including the Note for the Record of January 17, 1997 (hereinafter referred to as "the prior agreements"), so that the Israeli and Palestinian sides can more effectively carry out their reciprocal responsibilities, including those relating to further redeployments and security, respectively. These steps are to be carried out in a parallel phased approach in accordance with the Memorandum and the attached time line. They are subject to the relevant terms and conditions of the prior agreements and do not supersede their other requirements.

I. FURTHER REDEPLOYMENTS

A. Phase One and Two Further Redeployments

1. Pursuant to the Interim Agreement and subsequent agreements, the Israeli side's implementation of the first and second F.R.D. will consist of the transfer to the Palestinian side of 13 percent from Area C as follows: -1% to Area (A) - 12% to Area (B)

The Palestinian side has informed that it will allocate an area/areas amounting to 3% from the above area (B) to be designated as the Green Areas and/or Nature Reserves. The Palestinian side has further informed that they will act according to the established scientific standards, and that therefore there will be no changes to the status of these areas, without prejudice to the rights of existing inhabitants in these areas including Beduin; while these standards do not allow new construction in these areas, existing roads and buildings may be maintained.

The Israeli side will retain in these Green Areas/Nature Reserves the overriding security responsibility for the purpose of protecting Israelis and confronting the threat of terrorism. Activities and movements of the Palestinian Police force may be carried out after coordination and confirmation; the Israeli side will respond to such requests expeditiously.

2. As part of the foregoing implementation of the first and second F.R.D., 14.2% from Area (B) will become Area (A).

B. Third Phase of Further Redeployments

With regard to the terms of the Interim Agreement and of Secretary Christopher's letters to the two sides of January 17, 1997, relating to the further redeployment process, there will be a committee to address this question. The United States will be briefed regularly.

II. SECURITY

In the provisions on security arrangements of the Interim Agreement, the Palestinian side agreed to take all measures necessary in order to prevent acts of terrorism, crime and hostilities directed against the Israeli side, against individuals falling under the Israeli side's authority and against their property, just as the Israeli side agreed to take all measures necessary in order to prevent acts of terrorism, crime and hostilities and against their property. The two sides also agreed to take legal measures within their jurisdiction and to prevent incitement against each other by any organizations, groups

or individuals within their jurisdiction.

Both sides recognize that it is in their vital interests to combat terrorism and fight violence in accordance with Annex I of the Interim Agreement and the Note for the Record. They also recognize that the struggle against terrorism and violence must be comprehensive in that it deals with the terrorists, the terror support structure and the environment conducive to the support of terrorism. It must be continuous and constant over a long-term, in that there can be no pauses in the work against terrorists and their structure. It must be cooperative in that no effort can be fully effective without Israeli-Palestinian cooperation and the continuous exchange of information, concepts and actions.

Pursuant to the prior agreements, the Palestinian side's implementation of its responsibilities for security, security cooperation, and other issues will be as detailed below during the time periods specified in the attached time line.

A. Security Actions

1. Outlawing and Combatting Terrorist Organizations

a. The Palestinian side will make known its policy for zero tolerance for terror and violence against both sides.

b. A work plan developed by the Palestinian side will be shared with the US and hereafter implementation will begin immediately to ensure the systematic and effective combat of terrorist organizations and their infrastructure.

c. In addition to the bilateral Israeli-Palestinian security cooperation, a US-Palestinian committee will meet biweekly to review the steps being taken to eliminate terrorist cells and the support structure that plans, finances, supplies and abets terror. In these meetings,

the Palestinian side will inform the US fully of the actions it has taken to outlaw all organizations (or wings of organizations, as appropriate) of a military, terrorist or violent character and their support structure and to prevent them from operating in areas under its jurisdiction.

d. The Palestinian side will apprehend the specific individuals suspected of perpetrating acts of violence and terror for the purpose of further investigation, and prosecution and punishment of all persons involved in acts of violence and terror.

e. A US-Palestinian committee will meet to review and evaluate information pertinent to the decisions on prosecution, punishment or other legal measures which affect the status of individuals suspected of abetting or perpetrating acts of violence or terror.

2. Prohibiting Illegal Weapons

a. The Palestinian side will ensure an effective legal framework is in place to criminalize, in conformity with the prior agreements, any importation, manufacturing or unlicensed sale, acquisition or possession of firearms, ammunition or weapons in areas under Palestinian jurisdiction.

b. In addition, the Palestinian side will establish and vigorously and continuously implement a systematic program for the collection and appropriate handling of all such illegal items in accordance with the prior agreements. The US has agreed to assist in carrying out this program.

c. A US-Palestinian-Israeli committee will be established to assist and enhance cooperation in preventing the smuggling or other unauthorized introduction of weapons or explosive materials into areas under Palestinian jurisdiction.

3. Preventing Incitement

a. Drawing on relevant international practice and pursuant to Article XXII (1) of the Interim Agreement and Note for the Record, the Palestinian side will issue a decree prohibiting all forms of incitement to violence or terror. This decree will be comparable to the existing Israeli legislation which deals with the same subject.

b. A US-Palestinian-Israeli committee will meet on a regular basis to monitor cases of possible incitement to violence or terror, and to make recommendations and reports on how to prevent such incitement. The Israeli-Palestinian and US sides will each appoint a media specialist, a law enforcement representative, an educational specialist and a current or former elected official to the committee.

B. Security Cooperation

The two sides agree that their security cooperation will be based on a spirit of partnership and will include, among other things, the following steps:

1. Bilateral Cooperation

There will be full bilateral cooperation between the two sides which will be continuous, intensive and comprehensive.

2. Forensic Cooperation

There will be an exchange of forensic expertise, training and other assistance.

3. Trilateral Committee

In addition to the bilateral Israeli-Palestinian security cooperation, a high-ranking US-Palestinian-Israeli committee will meet as required and not less than biweekly to assess current threats, deal with any impediments to effective security cooperation and coordination and address the steps being taken to combat terror and terrorist organizations. The committee will also serve as a forum to

address the issue of external support for terror. In these meetings, the Palestinian side will fully inform the members of the committee of the results of its investigations concerning terrorist suspects already in custody and the participants will exchange additional relevant information. The committee will report regularly to the leaders of the two sides on the status of cooperation, the results of the meetings and its recommendations.

C. Other Issues

1. Palestinian Police Force
a. The Palestinian side will provide a list of its policemen to the Israeli side in conformity with the prior agreements.

b. Should the Palestinian side request technical assistance, the US has indicated its willingness to help meet these needs in cooperation with other donors.

c. The Monitoring and Steering Committee will, as part of its functions, monitor the implementation of this provision and brief the US.

2. PLO Charter

The Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Palestinian Central Council will reaffirm the letter of 22 January 1998 from PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat to President Clinton concerning the nullification of the Palestinian National Charter provisions that are inconsistent with the letters exchanged between the PLO and the Government of Israel on 9/10 September 1993. PLO Chairman Arafat, the Speaker of the Palestine National Council, and the Speaker of the Palestinian Council will invite the members of the PNC, as well as the members of the Central Council, the Council, and the Palestinian Heads of Ministries to a meeting to be addressed by President Clinton to reaffirm their

support for the peace process and the aforementioned decisions of the Executive Committee and the Central Council.

3. Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters

Among other forms of legal assistance in criminal matters, the requests for arrest and transfer of suspects and defendants pursuant to Article II (7) of Annex IV of the Interim Agreement will be submitted (or resubmitted) through the mechanism of the Joint Israeli-Palestinian Legal Committee and will be responded to in conformity with Article II (7) (f) of Annex IV of the Interim Agreement within the twelve week period. Requests submitted after the eighth week will be responded to in conformity with Article II (7) (f) within four weeks of their submission. The US has been requested by the sides to report on a regular basis on the steps being taken to respond to the above requests.

4. Human Rights and the Rule of Law

Pursuant to Article XI (1) of Annex I of the Interim Agreement, and without derogating from the above, the Palestinian Police will exercise powers and responsibilities to implement this Memorandum with due regard to internationally accepted norms of human rights and the rule of law, and will be guided by the need to protect the public, respect human dignity, and avoid harassment.

III. INTERIM COMMITTEES AND ECONOMIC ISSUES

A. The Israeli and Palestinian sides reaffirm their commitment to enhancing their relationship and agree on the need actively to promote economic development in the West Bank and Gaza. In this regard, the parties agree to continue or to reactivate all standing committees established by the Interim Agreement, including the

Monitoring and Steering Committee, the Joint Economic Committee (JEC), the Civil Affairs Committee (CAC), the Legal Committee and the Standing Cooperation Committee.

B. The Israeli and Palestinian sides have agreed on arrangements which will permit the timely opening of the Gaza Industrial Estate. They also have concluded a "Protocol Regarding the Establishment and Operation of the International Airport in the Gaza Strip During the Interim Period."

C. Both sides will renew negotiations on the Safe Passage immediately. As regards the southern route, the sides will make best efforts to conclude the agreement within a week of the entry into force of this Memorandum. Operation of the southern route will start as soon as possible thereafter. As regards the northern route, negotiations will continue with the goal of reaching agreement as soon as possible. Implementation will take place expeditiously thereafter.

D. The Israeli and Palestinian sides acknowledge the great importance of the Port of Gaza for the development of the Palestinian economy, and the expansion of Palestinian trade. They commit themselves to proceeding without delay to conclude an agreement to allow the construction and operation of the port in accordance with the prior agreements. The Israeli-Palestinian Committee will reactivate its work immediately with a goal of concluding the protocol within sixty days, which will allow commencement of the construction of the port.

E. The two sides recognize that unresolved legal issues adversely affect the relationship between the two peoples. They therefore will accelerate efforts through the Legal Committee to address outstanding legal issues and to implement solutions to these issues in the shortest possible period. The Palestinian side will provide to the Israeli side copies of all of its laws in effect.

F. The Israeli and Palestinian sides also will launch a strategic economic dialogue to enhance their economic relationship. They will establish within the framework of the JEC an Ad Hoc Committee for this purpose. The committee will review the following four issues: (1) Israeli purchase taxes; (2) cooperation in combating vehicle theft; (3) dealing with unpaid Palestinian debts; and (4) the impact of Israeli standards as barriers to trade and the expansion of A1 and A2 lists.

The committee will submit an interim report within three weeks of entry into force of this Memorandum, and within six weeks will submit its conclusions and recommendations to be implemented.

G. The two sides agree on the importance of continued international donor assistance to facilitate implementation by both sides of agreements reached.

They also recognize the need for enhanced donor support for economic development in the West Bank and Gaza.

They agree to jointly approach the donor community to organize a Ministerial Conference before the end of 1998 to seek pledges of enhanced levels of assistance. (AP)

Excerpts from Prime Minister Netanyahu's speech:

'Israel and the entire region are more secure'

"Mr. President, Mr. Chairman, the vice president, His Majesty, Your Majesty Queen Noor, Madam Secretary, Sandy Berger, their staff and especially Dennis (Ross) of the white hair and Olympic endurance, and all the delegations assembled here, and all the distinguished ministers of Israel and the Palestinian Authority, and the members of the Senate and Congress, and the many friends who are here today.

Today is a day when Israel and our entire region are more secure. Now this has required sacrifice from both sides, and reaching into what you can call the better nature of mankind.

This is an important moment to give a secure and peaceful future for our children and the children of our neighbors, the Palestinians. We have seen this moment.

I'm asking all people of good will, of honesty and candor - I'm asking all of them to join us in support for this important step for a secure future, a future of peace.

We are more secure today because, for the first time since the signing of the Oslo accords, we will see concrete and verifiable commitments carried out.

Our Palestinian partners will join us in fighting terrorism.

They will follow in detail the systematic plan to fight terrorists and their infrastructure; to jail

killers that have so far roamed at large; to stop vitriolic incitement; and above all finally, after 35 years, to cancel the articles in the Palestinian charter which call for the destruction of Israel.

This means that our world today will be safer for our children and for our neighbor's children. But it has been said here - and it's true - that we are just at the beginning or maybe at the middle of the road to a permanent peace.

We will soon embark on negotiations for a permanent peace settlement between our two peoples. And I guarantee you it will not be easy and it will not be simple, and it will be, Mr. President, despite your best wishes, sleepless...

But I am today brimming with some confidence, and not overconfidence, simply because we have overcome tremendous challenges and achieved success for both sides, not at the expense of one side and the benefit of the other, but success and advantage and progress for both sides. And that fills me with the confidence that we are able to tackle the larger challenges that still await us and that still await our two peoples.

There are so many people that I could thank in the American delegation - it's a wonderful one...

But I want to especially thank President Clinton. He is, if I can borrow a cliché, he is a warrior

for peace...

I want to thank Chairman Arafat. Mr. Chairman, your cooperation was invaluable. And I want to thank you personally once again for the kind wishes you extended me on a birthday that I shall never forget...

I want to thank Minister Sharansky...

[He and Defense Minister Mordchai and Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon brought to Wye their patriotism and their commitment...

And they assisted me and the state of Israel in ways that I think should be recounted and probably will repeat themselves, I hope, in the near future in a successful bid for peace.

And I want most especially to thank two people at the close. I want to thank King Hussein, who visited us twice.

And Your Majesty, you gave us an unforgettable and inspiring example of courage and humanity. And it moved me deeply. It moved every one of our people and our delegates deeply...

And lastly, I would like to thank my wife Sara, who joined me, who offered me support and a great deal of wisdom in some trying moments, and who constantly reminded me of our two children - of all the children for whom we've toiled and dreamed and prayed..." (Reuters)

Excerpts from PA Chairman Yasser Arafat's speech:

'We will never go back to violence'

Mr. William Clinton, the president, Mr. Al Gore, Mrs. Madeleine Albright, members of the US delegation; friends; my co-partner, my main co-partner in the peace process, Mr. Netanyahu - and here I will mention my late co-partner, Yitzhak Rabin, and my co-partner, Shimon Peres - members of the Israeli delegation, with whom we worked together until we reached whatever we achieved; my brothers, members of the Palestinian delegation; ladies and gentlemen, here in this regard I would like to give special tribute from my heart to His Majesty King Hussein and Her Majesty the queen for everything they presented us.

This is an important and a happy day, a day of achievement that we will always remember with optimism and hope. It is true that whatever we achieved is only temporary... but our agreement at Wye River underscores that the peace process is going ahead and that whatever we agreed upon in Madrid/Oslo and in Washington and Cairo is being implemented on the same basis that have been agreed to.

And that - we will never go back. We will never leave the peace process, and we will never go back to violence and confrontation...

Please allow me to mention in this connection, first and foremost... Mr. Bill Clinton for the long hours, which he exerted during the past 10 days, particularly those 24 hours that he spent continuously where he was always alert and understanding, creative in order to bring back history between the cousins...

This reconciliation between the two peoples, the Palestinian and the Israeli people, will not divert its path and will go through negotiations on the table, and ... through tanks, grenades and barbed wires.

We have achieved today a large step. But it is important - my co-partner, Mr. Netanyahu - it is important in establishing the peace process because this is the peace of the brave.

The implementation of the Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338, and the principle of land for peace, achievement of political rights of the Palestinian people and putting every effort possible in the service of achieving security for all, particularly for the Israeli people...

Once again, I'm saying that it is a big step that came late.

But it is indeed an important one, because it will allow the return of 13 percent of the Palestinian land on the West Bank to the Palestinian people, to their sovereignty, and will allow to double the area where the Palestinian Authority will enjoy full-fledged authority and sovereignty.

Yes indeed, it is a start that will allow the Palestinian airplanes to fly to and from the Gaza International Airport, carrying visitors and merchandise, carrying to the whole world the Palestinian flowers and fresh fruit.

It will also open the door to

build the Gaza seaport and the realization of the Palestinian dream of geographic unification between the regions of the Palestinian land, the [West] Bank and Gaza through a secured area.

It will also allow the achievement of real happiness for hundreds of the Palestinian prisoners in the Israeli jails...

I led those children during their struggle for freedom, and they gave their freedom and their lives for the sake of the land. However, they adopted the peace process, adopted peace, and stood by peace while they were in the jails. And now, they are joining us in our peace process for the sake of peace...

With this agreement, we begin the negotiations for the final solution, which we will take very seriously ... in order to achieve at its stipulated times in all the agreements we signed together, which is the fourth of May 1999...

I would like to assert in honesty and sincerity that we are fully committed to whatever is required from us in order to achieve real security and constant peace for every Israeli person and for the Israeli people.

We will not forget our duties as we underline our rights. I am quite confident that I'm talking in the name of all Palestinians when I assure you that we are all committed to the security of every child, woman and man in Israel...

I will do everything I can so that no Israeli mother will be worried

if her son or daughter is late coming home, or any Israeli would be afraid when they heard an explosion. It is true that nobody can secure 100 percent results of security for all Palestinians and all Israelis...

[We want to achieve the peace of the brave to end this long suffering in order to build an independent nation having a lot of democracy and caring for its children...

And even though our agreement has the difficulties that we face and my full knowledge of whatever we sign today will only trickle down to worthless ink on paper unless it is implemented accurately and quickly.

So I call upon President Clinton to remain with us, alert and supportive in order to make sure that we implement everything we've agreed upon...

And at last, I would like to direct my talk to Mr. Netanyahu and his colleagues to say today we have achieved a great positive agreement. We have to continue...together very soon and to implement it quite sincerely in reality.

Your security is our security. Your security is our security and peace for your children and our children...

We will not retreat. We will not go back to violence or confrontation. And we, together, will be the leaders in our land and the land of our neighbors. And peace be with you all." (Reuters)

Kosovars face off despite ultimatum

By MARK HEINRICH

BELGRADE (Reuters) - Serbian troops and ethnic Albanian rebels were dug in for possible fresh fighting in parts of Kosovo yesterday, as NATO generals prepared to tell Belgrade once more to withdraw by Tuesday or face air strikes.

Gen. Wesley Clark, NATO's Supreme Allied Commander, and Gen. Klaus Naumann, chairman of its military committee, were to meet Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic later yesterday to issue an apparent last warning.

NATO sources said the generals would rebuff any attempt to bargain and would not accept alleged rebel activity as an excuse for stalling a substantial withdrawal of Yugoslav federal troops and Serbian military police from the majority-Albanian province.

Clark was making his third trip to Belgrade in 10 days, underlining NATO's stated determination to get the combatants to disengage and let Kosovar refugees return home before they start dying in wretched mountain camps as winter sets in.

But diplomatic observers found security forces and Kosovar guer-

illas bolstering emplacements in some pockets of Kosovo.

"The atmosphere remains tense. Both sides appear to be strengthening positions in several areas including Malisevo," a Western official close to the Kosovo Diplomatic Observers' Mission (KDOM) said by telephone from the region.

"The KLA (Kosovo Liberation Army) there seems to fear imminent attack, so they're preparing." Reuters staff saw Serbian tanks moving back and forth across Kosovo's main east-west highway in the Lapusnik Pass area, not far from the turnoff to Malisevo to the southwest. Police on the Lapusnik-Malisevo road were seen reinforcing their positions.

The observers had not reported serious cease-fire violations since Thursday, when Serbian artillery fire thudded into a valley in the volatile central Drenica region.

But Serbian police told the observers three of their officers had been wounded in a KLA grenade attack near Dragoville. About half a dozen Yugoslav army soldiers and Serbian special police have been killed in the past week.

A Reuters news team that spent the night at a Serbian police outpost near Lipjan, 15 km south of the provincial capital Pristina, said it had come under KLA gunfire three times.

However, a large army combat group was seen returning to its garrison near Pristina yesterday morning after pulling out of Podujevo, one of two chronic flashpoints pinpointed by the observers in mid-week.

The convoy consisted of some 70 vehicles, including around 20 tanks, as well as Praga armored combat vehicles carrying anti-aircraft cannon. This unit appeared to be on a NATO list of Serbian forces earmarked for withdrawal.

Despite the continued intimidating presence of security forces, more and more ethnic Albanian refugees were venturing back to their villages, because of intensifying cold and deteriorating health conditions in the wooded hills.

"Charitable aid groups estimate the number of internally displaced people without shelter is now down to 35,000," the Western official said.

Slain Tennessee senator's opponent held

CROSSVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - An oddball candidate for the state legislature who changed his middle name to "Low Tax" was arrested Friday on charges of murdering his opponent, a state senator who championed crime victims' rights.

Byron Looper, 34, was jailed without bail in the slaying of Sen. Tommy Burks, who was shot at close range in the head Monday in a pickup truck on his hog farm. At the time, Burks was getting ready to take a group of children on a

hayride and a visit to a pumpkin patch.

Until his arrest at his Cookeville home, Looper had not been seen or heard from since the slaying.

Police would not discuss a motive or say what evidence they had against Looper. They refused to comment on TV reports that Looper was seen driving away from the murder scene.

Looper's lawyer, Lionel Barrett, told WHBQ-TV in Memphis that the case is bizarre and "almost has

the elements of a made-for-movie-type situation."

Looper, the property assessor in neighboring Putnam County, already faces a December trial on charges of theft and misusing his office. Among other things, he was accused of remodeling his home on county time and using county money to buy political database software.

He is also being sued for \$1.2 million by a former girlfriend who claims he forced her to have sex,

fathered her child and stole ownership of her home.

In contrast, Burks, 58, was well-liked and regarded as a dedicated public servant. A conservative Democrat, he never missed a day of work during his 28-year legislative career, and once used a tractor to pull his vehicle out of a snowbank to make the 125 km. drive west to Nashville.

His funeral Wednesday attracted about 2,500 people, including most of the Tennessee Legislature.

104 dead as typhoon rips through Philippines

MANILA (Reuters) - Typhoon Babe was heading away from the Philippines yesterday after killing more than 100 people and causing millions of dollars worth of damage.

The eye of the storm, the second to hit the country in a week, was over the South China Sea, around 500 km northwest of Manila, at 02:00 GMT, the weather bureau said.

Babe, with winds of 120 km per hour and gusts of up to 150 kph, was expected to move northwest at 13 kph in the general direction of southern China.

The bureau did not say when it

would hit the south China coast or if it was still expected to land near Hong Kong, which has raised its preliminary No. 1 tropical cyclone alert.

The eye of Typhoon Babe is expected to be 330 km southeast of Hong Kong by tomorrow morning. It is likely to reintensify over water," the weather agency said.

President Joseph Estrada earlier placed three central provinces under a state of calamity - an administrative measure which empowers the government to fix ceilings on prices of commodities and commandeered vehicles for relief work.

Chile asks Britain to free Pinochet

SANTIAGO (Reuters) - Chile has formally asked Britain to release former dictator Augusto Pinochet, an official at Chile's Foreign Ministry said yesterday.

"There is a second document that [Chile sent Britain] that asks that [Britain] put an end to the situation that affects Pinochet," Juan Enrique Requilme, an official in Foreign Minister Jose Miguel Insulza's cabinet, told Reuters.

Requilme said the document, which the ministry submitted to Britain's embassy in Chile on Friday, insisted on diplomatic immunity for the 82-year-old senator and on Chile's sole jurisdiction

to judge crimes that took place in Chile.

British police detained Pinochet at a London hospital on October 16, acting on a request from a Spanish judge who has charged the former dictator with genocide, torture, and terrorism.

The first document that Chile submitted asked Britain to respect Pinochet's immunity and Chile's jurisdiction, Requilme said, adding London has not yet replied to the second document.

Chile says the retired army commander-in-chief has immunity, because he travelled to Britain with a diplomatic passport.

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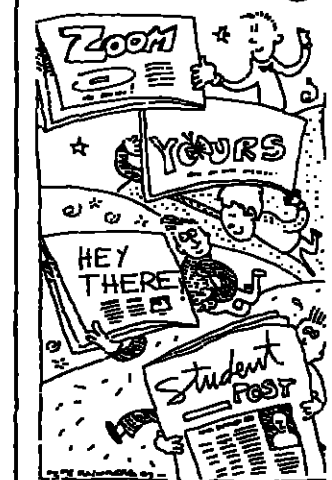
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Local movies hit black hole

By HELEN KAYE

With 13 nominations each, *Dangerous Acts* and *Palestine Circus* lead the list for Best Picture in the 1998 Israel Academy Awards ceremony at the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center next Wednesday. The other Best Picture nominees are *City Link* (12), *Love at Second Glance* (10), and *Day after Day* (8).

Unsurprisingly, the other big awards derive mostly from the Best Picture nominees. *Dangerous Acts* writer and director Shemi Zarchin is nominated in both categories, as are Eyal Hailon, Michal Bat-Adam, Amos Gitai and Jonathan Segal for, respectively, *Palestine Circus*, *Love at Second Glance*, *Day after Day*, and *City Link*.

Segal also stars in his own picture and is nominated for Best Actor along with his costar, Dafna Rechter. Sharon Alexander and Assi Levy pick up Best Supporting nominations. Other Best Actor/Actress bids are (as usual) Moshe Ivgy for *Day after Day* and *Dangerous Acts* — which he costarred with Gila Almagor who is also nominated. Other nominees include Yoram Hattab and Yevgenia Dodina for their starring roles in *Palestine Circus* and Michal Zuretz for *Love at Second Glance*.

Shmuel Ben-Ari is nominated for Best Actor in *The Legend of the Man Who Kept Silent*, which picked up five nominations overall, including Best Cinematography (Beni Mala'i) and Composition (Avner Kenar). The other odd-film-out among the big awards section is *Family Secrets*, which received five nominations, including Best Actress for Romi Abulafia and Best Supporting for Eli Cohen and Galia Sudari.

The five documentaries nominated are Ran Tel's *Ben Zvi 67*, Eyal Hailon and his *Theo's Friends*, Shahrar Segal's *The Prime Minister's Diary*, Iris Rubin's *Hide and Seek*, and Zippi Rivenbach's *Three Sisters*. Jerusalem Film Festival and



Moshe Ivgy and Hannah Marron star in 'Day after Day,' which is nominated in eight local 'Oscar' categories.

Film Archive founder, patron, mover-and-shaker Lia Van Leer will receive a Life Achievement award as will veteran actor Yossi Shiloah.

Television programs will not be part of the Academy Awards this year. The number and scope of local programming has encouraged TV to establish its own award ceremony which will be held next spring.

The director for the TAPAC ceremony is Yuval Zamir. The Hollywood starlet from Israel, Mili Avital, will host the event together with comedian Moni Moshonov. The ceremony will be broadcast live on Channel 2.

None of the nominated films for Best Picture has hit the big screen. It's a sad fact of life, says Quality Picture Foundation head Nafali

Alter, that cinema owners wait for the Academy Awards "before booking an Israeli film into their theaters."

"While Israeli films consistently get higher ratings than any other local programming on TV, they do poorly in cinemas. Statistics say that the average Israeli goes to 10 films a year, only one of which is Israeli."

It is no secret that the Israeli film industry has never quite taken off, impeded by a vicious cycle of inadequate funding that leads to a makeshift product.

This year's pathetic output is proof of the ever-increasing black hole. A mere nine feature films and 38 documentaries were presented to the Academy for consideration this year, says Academy head Israel Ringel. Last year there

were 14, and 50 documentaries. Government subsidies to the QFF were more than halved this year — down to NIS 8.2 million from NIS 18m. in 1996.

In 1995, then trade and industry minister Micha Harish put together with Avraham Shohat at the Treasury a package for cinema that included a \$50m. venture capital fund, half of which was to come from the government and half from private investors.

The fund never got started and the idea died with the change of government in 1996. Not only did Trade and Industry Minister Natan Sharansky repudiate his predecessor's ideas, he yanked his ministry's financial support of some NIS 6m., saying that film was an art form, not an industry.

He did promise to transfer the funds to the Ministry of Education, which was supposed to funnel NIS 21m. to the industry last year. After says the cash from Sharansky's ministry never arrived. Last December, thanks to some determined lobbying by a busload of screen notables, the Knesset passed, in the preliminary reading, a bill which would give the cinema industry fiscal independence with funds coming from electronic media revenues.

The Knesset Education and Culture Committee is slated to discuss the bill within the next two weeks. If the bill comes to the floor and is passed on its first reading, "then the directors should give small parts in their next films to all 61 MKs who voted for it," Ringel quipped.

NEWS

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Long live Yiddish in Israel

The Israel Yiddish Theater Yiddishpiel is 10 years old on November 1. To help it celebrate, Israel's quintessential icon, the three-man comedy team Hagashash Hahiver will be on stage, in Yiddish, with a raft of other local celebrities. They include Orna Porat, Hannah Marron, Dudu Fisher, Hanoch Rosenne, Haya Samir and the Ra'anana Symphonette. Tickets to the event at the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center were snapped up in a mere four days, but the disappointed will be able to see the show on a video screen in the plaza, courtesy of the Tel Aviv Municipality. Who says Yiddish is a dead culture? It's enjoying a massive renaissance worldwide, including here. *Helen Kaye*

Long live Yiddish in Los Angeles

In a lively example of cross-cultural pollination, the eight-day Yiddishkeit LA festival kicked off last Sunday with a joint concert by klezmer and mariachi bands.

The festival, which claims to be the largest event of its kind ever held in the United States, features more than 24 attractions, including plays, cabaret, symphonic music, films and an art exhibit.

A highlight of the opening "Viva Klezmer-L'haim Mariachi" concert was a ballad saluting Mexican revolutionary Pancho Villa — sung in Yiddish.

Producer Aaron Paley sees the festival as part of a national renaissance of Yiddish. In Los Angeles alone, there are dozens of Yiddish-language classes and clubs, a literary journal, four professional klezmer bands, Yiddish film days and a radio series of Yiddish short stories, read by Leonard Nimoy and other Hollywood luminaries.

"I want to show people that Yiddish and Yiddish culture are not dead, kitschy, moribund, tinged with sugary nostalgia or regret about the Holocaust," Paley told the *Jewish Journal*.

"You can't throw away 1,000 years of Jewish history. Yiddish is in the DNA of Ashkenazi Jews." *Tom Tugend*

Interactive and 3D movies at local cinemas

Get ready for interactive and 3D cinema at the Parliament Arts Cinema Club festival from November 10 to 14 at the Tel Aviv Cinematheque and from November 18 to 21 at the Haifa Auditorium. Interactive movies, explains festival director Assaf Ashkenazi, are when the movie jumps off the screen and into the auditorium so the audience can take part.

Interactive master William Castle presents *Homicidal and Tingle* (with the late Vincent Price), both guaranteed to raise the hair on your head — literally.

Everybody knows what 3D is. Special glasses make the flat three-dimensional. The three films in this genre include the rare *Frankenstein* by pop artist Andy Warhol, as well as *The Creeps*, in which miniature monsters like Dracula and The Mummy seek to grow, and the animated film *Intergalactic* which features the equivalent of a car chase in outer space. Each of the genres will be screened separately. *Helen Kaye*

'Last Recordings': A sad glimpse of what might have been

Sabra Sounds



By Shai Tsar

Inbal Perlmuter should have been one of the major creative forces in Israeli rock.

As the soloist and primary lyricist for the band The Witches, Perlmuter gave local music a shot of Riot Girl attitude and sexual

HAKLATOT AHRONOT

Inbal Perlmuter (NMC)

ambiguity. At age 26 she was considered one of the toughest songwriters of the younger generation and seemed to have a long and promising career ahead of her.

All this came to a sudden end on October 1, 1997, when Perlmuter was killed in a car accident.

In the year before her death, Perlmuter began working on a variety of projects. She contributed one of the earliest tracks to the *Avoda Ivrit* cover-songs collection and began to compile material for her first solo album.

She left behind over a dozen songs, recorded as four-track



Inbal Perlmuter

demos, which she had intended to include on her album. Following the accident, producer Lillian Schutz, Perlmuter's close friend

and musical associate, was left with this material.

In the end, Schutz decided that Perlmuter would have wanted the songs to be heard and decided to put them out on disc. Instead of a first solo album by a promising young star, *Haklatot Ahranot* ("Last Recordings") gives us a sad glimpse of what could have been.

Haklatot Ahranot presents Perlmuter's demo tapes mostly as she left them. Most of the tracks feature the singer accompanying herself on bass and acoustic guitar.

It would be a spooky-sounding album even without the knowledge of Perlmuter's sad fate. Her singing style ranges from a manic falsetto to a strangled hiss, sometimes attempting to harmonize the two. The earliest cuts feature

strange mechanical scraping noises and frog sounds which serve as a sort of primitive rhythm section.

Schutz and Yifat Netz, another member of The Witches, chose to clean up the sound on a number of the cuts, adding background vocals and other instrumentation. Two other tracks on the album are Perlmuter's songs recorded by the band Venus (the surviving two-thirds of The Witches).

Also included is Perlmuter's version of "If You Have Sun" from *Avoda Ivrit*. These latter tracks are fairly polished and stand in counterpoint to the rougher-sounding demo tracks.

HAKLATOT AHRANOT features a lot of the same themes that Perlmuter explored with The Witches. She seems to expound an ambivalent

attitude towards love and death, coming off one minute as hopelessly lovestruck and entertaining suicidal fantasies in the next.

In songs such as "It's a Pity if it Ends," she speaks of a string of broken relationships which fail to move her one way or the other.

Following the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin, Perlmuter's writing took a political turn which had been almost totally absent before. A striking example is "Love of the Fatherland II," a protest against messianic nationalism, which was recorded for a musical special a month after the murder.

"The land yields sour milk and bitter honey," she sings. "You can't build paradise with blood."

In cases of a sudden tragic loss, there is a natural reaction to look for portents of doom. Perlmuter

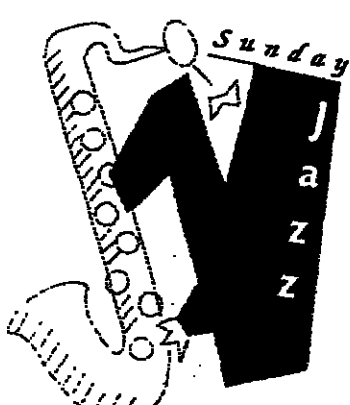
often dwelt on dark themes, and subsequently one can find plenty of ominous bits on the album. One of the eeriest is "Hindering" in which she sings in the voice of a suicide who has just jumped from the roof of her building and is holding up the traffic.

Ironically, however, the saddest lyric on the album comes from one of the most upbeat songs, "Watch the Gap." Here she looks around and sees nostalgia in the air and people saying that things used to be better. Perlmuter, on the other hand, takes a different attitude.

"For me, the future seems a lot more magnific ('cool') I want to ride the subway in Tel Aviv," she sings.

Sadly, Perlmuter will never take that subway ride. The loss is all ours.

Dizzy Gillespie spends a night in Trinidad Herzliya Chamber Orchestra turns 18



By David Isaacson

Long before Bob Marley put reggae on the world stage, the West Indies danced to a calypso beat. Dizzy Gillespie's *Jambo Caribe*, originally recorded in 1964, sounds like a party under

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Gillespie was ideally suited for "a musical safari from Africa and North America, into the West Indies," as he describes the track "Jambo."

Beyond his curiosity about different rhythms, his hard bop roots give him a basic affinity for the rapure of ecstatic dances. His uniquely happy trumpet sound seems to naturally express all the joy and color of carnival.

The band's spontaneity — Gillespie waited until the recording session itself to introduce the track "Fiesta Mojo" ("Witch

Doctor's Party") — enhances the celebratory mood. And, for all the whooping and hollering, there are a couple of jams more transcendental, and choruses even harder, than those on Gillespie's later "A Night in Tunisia" recordings.

Fans of Kenny Barron (piano, bass), and James Moody (sax, flute), won't be disappointed by their contributions to the six-piece group. The former wrote the two best tracks ("Trinidad, Hello" and "Trinidad, Goodbye"); the latter's flute floats like a supernatural spirit.

More prosaically, Gillespie's famous good humor finds a like spirit in Joe Willoughby's homespun laments "Poor Joe" and "Don't Try to Keep up With the Joneses."

"When a Mojo throws a party, he bids the guests partake in one of his secret herbal concoctions, and then the joint really jumps," Gillespie explains in the liner notes. Well, this could be the house band.

ANOTHER disc in the Verve By Request series is *Basie's Beatle Bag*. In 1966, the idea of the Count Basie orchestra covering Beatles songs was probably quite radical. The mop-tops, if not quite at the cutting edge of pop, represented a whole new generation.

Thirty-plus years later, the Beatles' early songs have become middle-of-the-road staples covered to death by everyone from symphony orchestras to subway buskers.

It would be hard to argue with those predisposed to dismiss such a collection of "timeless melodies" as muzak. Indeed this lounge-lizard rendition of "Yesterday" (vocals courtesy of Bill Henderson) would empty the loudest of dives. The cozy lyricism of "Can't Buy Me Love," "A



Dizzy Gillespie's happy trumpet expresses the joy of carnival.

Hard Day's Night" and "Help" is trampled underfoot by the big-band treatment.

On the credit side, "Do You Want To Know a Secret?" does sound refreshingly sleazy until an all-too-typical horn-section blast ruins the mood. And the Basie version of Leiber-Stoller's "Kansas City" (the only non-Lennon/McCartney title) is a fine '40s-style swinger.

The only real suggestion of

Basie's brilliance as a bandleader is a gorgeous rendition of "Michelle." After Basie's own barbershop intro, he, one of the trumpeters and even for a few moments a saxophonist, actually get to play brief solos above the orchestra.

Only here does Basie successfully transform the winsome innocence of the Beatles' early songs into a knowing, sardonic swing.

Bottom line: There's gold, but not brass, in them thar songs.

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

In 1976, after completing his master's degree in music at Brooklyn College, Harvey Bordowitz settled in Herzliya and was immediately engaged by the municipality's culture department.

"I founded an amateur orchestra and for four years we had very successful concerts," Bordowitz recalls, but I became artistically frustrated.... I wanted to go professional."

In 1981, with the municipality's help, he managed to do it. Today, as the Herzliya Chamber Orchestra celebrates its 18th anniversary, it has 600 subscribers who enjoy concerts in both Herzliya and Bitan Aharon, near Netanya.

The orchestra plays a wide repertoire, ranging from classical staples to less familiar material.

"If we have a Mozart program, I would couple the popular 40th Symphony with the *Masonic Funeral Music*, which is rarely performed, for example. And we always have contemporary music in our season as well," he says.

Bordowitz, who also functions as the orchestra's general director, precedes each concert with a short lecture on the evening's program "in a mixture of Hebrew and English."

Next season, the Herzliya Chamber Orchestra will move to its permanent home, a 300-seat auditorium at the new Air Force House which is currently under construction. The orchestra currently performs at the Herzliya Museum of Art.

The opening concert, at the end of the week, is an American program featuring music by Barber, Joplin and the original 13-instrument version of Copland's *Appalachian Spring*.

The soloist is newcomer Ronny Yovel, better known as a television host, who makes her local debut

performing 10 spirituals, including "Sometime I Feel Like a Motherless Child," "Deep River," and "Go down Moses."

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A tardy first step

As Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu arrives back home today, no doubt exhausted after nine days of nerve-racking negotiations at Wye Plantation, he now has to recharge his batteries in preparation for the long road ahead: for which the White House ceremony Friday was just a stepping-stone, albeit an important one.

Friday's signing, despite the warm handshakes and ovations, the historic table hauled out of the White House storerooms and the climactic atmosphere, was not a final peace agreement hammered out by long-time adversaries in the presence of a courageous monarch and skillful president. When the harsh light of reality is allowed to break in behind the curtains of staged stardom, it is but an interim agreement whose details should have been wrapped up many months ago.

The really vital issues - Palestinian statehood, the right of return, the settlements, final borders, and, of course, the status of Jerusalem - still lie ahead of us. If it took over a week of intensive, sleepless negotiations to reach an accord on matters that had, in essence, already been agreed upon earlier, then the chances of Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat's stated aim of reaching a successful conclusion of all final-status issues by May 4, 1999 seem unlikely, to say the least.

And yet this weekend's Washington ceremony is not without import. A Likud prime minister, heading a right-of-center government, has committed himself to handing over 13.1 percent of Israeli-controlled territory in the historic, biblical homeland of Judea and Samaria to the Palestinians. Unlike the Hebron Agreement, which Netanyahu portrayed as an unwanted piece of unfinished business left over from the previous Labor administration which he was obliged to negotiate, this interim agreement is his own doing.

Netanyahu's critics on the Right have been quick to condemn him for this, arguing, among other things, that he was not elected to follow in the late prime minister Yitzhak Rabin's footsteps. In this, they are wrong. Netanyahu was elected - by the narrowest of margins - precisely because he persuaded the Israeli public that he would indeed continue the process begun in Oslo, but at a slower pace and with less risk to Israel's security. Had he run an election campaign predicated on stopping the Oslo process, he would not now be Israel's prime minister.

Netanyahu's bargaining tactics, however, are questionable - his willingness to antagonize not only the Palestinians, but also the world's

only superpower, runs the grave risk, if not today then at some future date, of isolating Israel in time of need. But so far, to some extent, his tactics have paid off. The Palestinians have committed themselves, in a more detailed and verifiable way than before, to clamp down on Palestinian terror - a key indication of their commitment to coexist peacefully with Israel. Netanyahu has also succeeded in forcing Arafat to convene an extraordinary meeting of Palestinian leaders, including members of the Palestinian National Council, in which, televised live to the Palestinian public and the world at large, the Palestinian leadership will unequivocally reject those elements of the Palestinian Covenant incompatible to the peace process.

Of course, there is a flip-side to all this. Netanyahu's failure to negotiate directly with the Palestinians means that it is the United States - in the form of the CIA - and not Israel, who will be the final adjudicator as to whether the Palestinians are truly fighting the war against terror. President Bill Clinton, meanwhile, will visit Gaza to address the Palestinian leaders' conclave; in so doing he will symbolically strengthen the notion of Palestinian sovereignty ahead of the resolution of final-status issues.

Netanyahu's raising of the issue of Jonathan Pollard in the context of an interim agreement between Israel and the Palestinians is also puzzling. No one can deny that Pollard has been harshly punished for spying for Israel; indeed his fate is unjustly unique in modern American espionage history and his continued incarceration is a stain on the American judicial system. The successful conclusion of regional peace negotiations, however, cannot be allowed to hinge on his release.

Ironically, on his return Netanyahu will likely find it more difficult persuading his cabinet and coalition colleagues to approve this weekend's interim agreement than winning Knesset and popular approval.

The Labor Party has correctly committed itself to providing the premier with a parliamentary safety-net on this issue, for this is the wish of the moderate majority in the country.

Netanyahu's political future, and that of the peace process as a whole, now rests in Israeli and Palestinian implementation of the details agreed upon at Wye. If the final-status talks are to have any chance of success, it is imperative that this time, the Palestinians' oft-repeated commitments to fight terror and change their charter are finally and unequivocally met.

OPINION

Lurie's NewsCartoon



The Hand Shake

The next stage

DANIEL BLOCH

Better late than never: There are many reasons to conclude that the Wye River Agreement could have been done months ago. However, perhaps Netanyahu and Arafat needed some more time in order to reach a viable compromise that both of them can live with and survive politically.

From the Israeli perspective it is now clear and evident that the Oslo process is the only path to peace and there is no way back. That is a complete vindication of the courageous decision of the late Yitzhak Rabin, who himself hesitated before entering the Oslo path.

It was a pity that only King Hussein and Chairman Arafat mentioned Rabin at the White House ceremony, while Clinton and Netanyahu ignored his memory.

The differences between the Oslo process under Rabin and its continuation under Netanyahu are quite substantial: Under Rabin's government it was mainly a bilateral achievement of Israel and the Palestinians without any international pressure and with very limited outside international involvement. Under the current government it became "Pax Americana".

Nothing can move anymore without American involvement and Israel lost its freedom and flexibility to make decisions on its vital security interests.

It is a dangerous precedent that will be difficult to depart from in the future and not only in connection with the Palestinians.

The positive side is that the same applies to the Palestinians. They will have to prove from now on the American government and public opinion that they are fully implementing their part of the deal.

The US involvement is now a fact of life and it was unwise, to say the least, to antagonize

carries out its obligations he has to fulfill the agreed stages of redeployment and move swiftly to the next and last stage of negotiations, dealing with the problems of the final status and the terms of the full peace agreement between us and the Palestinians.

This is not an easy task. If the road to the interim agreement was so long and difficult it will be even more so trying to negotiate the final settlement. Nine days on a semi-secluded plantation won't be enough, even 90 days might not produce a new treaty.

The main problem is internal: Netanyahu will not enjoy his coalition majority in the Knesset. He will get approval for this agreement thanks to the votes of the moderate elements in his coalition but only with the support provided by the Labor Party and the Left.

After that he cannot take this safety net for granted. He will not be able to function even if most of the extreme Right will not bring down his government, for fear of getting a Labor-led government instead.

The only option open to him is to broaden his coalition base. It is an almost impossible task under the present circumstances due to Netanyahu's lack of credibility in many Center and Left political circles. Therefore the only logical, sensible and even moral way is to call for new elections immediately after the implementation of this agreement.

Benny Begin, Uzi Landau, Rafael Eitan and Michael Kleiner knew when they went with Netanyahu that he had pledged to continue the Oslo process, while trying to improve its security clauses as much as possible.

Netanyahu can justifiably argue that he did his utmost, succeeded in getting more assurances and better measures for fighting terrorism. Now, if the other side

Clinton may cut a deal

ALAN DERSHOWITZ

As Congress moves toward impeachment hearings, the possibility of a deal - a global resolution of the entire investigation of President Clinton - is being considered. It will not be easy.

In order to be global, a deal would require the agreement of the president, Congress, the independent counsel, and perhaps Judge Susan Webber Wright, who presided at the Paula Jones case.

A separate deal with Paula Jones herself seems likely, if long overdue.

Congress cannot compel Kenneth Starr to agree not to prosecute Clinton after he leaves the presidency, but it is unlikely that Starr would want to be perceived as a deal-breaker if there was a widespread consensus in favor of resolution. But if he believes that Congress is being too soft on the president, Starr might balk.

Perhaps the deal could be sweetened for Starr by having Judge Norma Holloway Johnson drop her pending investigation of grand jury leaks by the independent counsel's office.

Nor could Congress make Judge Wright promise not to sanction Clinton for his misleading answers in the Jones deposition, but if the president resolves his case with Jones, it is less likely that Judge Wright would feel the need to proceed with any contempt citation. An even more serious problem is that the most likely sanctions that would be imposed by Congress as part of a settlement raise serious constitutional questions.

The US Constitution specifies the checks and balances that each branch of government may impose on the others; impeachment is one such check. There is nothing in the Constitution about "censure."

Of course, no one could stop Congress from censuring the president, just as no one could stop the president from censuring Congress. (The Supreme Court could not censure either of the other branches, because it is expressly limited to deciding cases and controversies.) But it is unclear what the effect of a congressional censure would be.

THE ONLY president ever to be censured was the feisty Andrew Jackson, who refused to accept the Senate's censure. He sent the following message to the Senate:

"The Executive is a coordinate and independent branch of the government equally with the Senate; and I have yet to learn under what Constitutional authority that branch of the legislature has a right to require of me an account."

Three years later, when Jackson's party won back control of the Senate, the censure was "expunged." Sen. Robert C. Byrd, who has written a history of the Senate, believes that censuring a president "lacks a constitutional basis."

An intriguing variation on censure has been proposed by Professor Jonathan Turley of George Washington University Law School: impeach the president, but don't remove him. That would send a powerful message of disapproval akin to sanction, but would remain well within the constitutional authority of Congress.

I respectfully disagree. Impeachment - like indictment - should never be used to send a message. It is a prelude to removal and should be used only to put a president on trial for an impeachable offense. Using it any other way lacks a constitutional basis.

So does imposing a monetary fine on a president. It has been suggested that the president be punished by being made to pay for the cost of Starr's investigation; by having his pension reduced; by being fined for his misconduct.

But the prohibition on Bills of Attainder and ex post facto punishment would prevent Congress from singling out the president for after-the-fact punitive sanctions.

At least, that is what the law says. But if all parties agree to a deal - even an unconditional deal - who will object?

It is in the nature of deals that they are sometimes extra-legal. I have pleaded guilty to nonexistent crimes as part of a plea bargain, with the approval of the judge. I have seen unconstitutional conditions - agreeing to attend church, to give blood, to join the army - agreed to as part of a deal.

If an unconstitutional tree falls in a forest and no one complains, has the law really been violated? We may never know, if the major players in the presidential investigation all agree to the terms of a deal.

There will certainly be some constitutional purists in Congress who will refuse to violate their oath of office - which requires them to abide by the Constitution. They might even seek the assistance of the judicial branch, but I think the courts would be reluctant to interfere in what would be seen as a political compromise in the national interest.

So, after all is said and done, this constitutional crisis, which began with an unseemly sex act in the Oval Office, may end with an unconstitutional compromise.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

IT IS NO DREAM

Sir, - Congratulations on the excellent article by Dr. Eliah Richter, "How many shall die?" (Sept. 29.)

As Netanya residents we were impressed by the effect the camera surveillance program initiated by Metuna, with the backing of the Netanya Municipality, had on the whole community with its dramatic results in reducing deaths, injuries and speed in the town.

We cannot accept the reasons for its cessation.

While visiting the State of Victoria, Australia last year we received explicit details from the driver of our coach about their road safety campaign. It started in 1990 using speed cameras and resulted in a reduction in the death toll from 1,300 to 300 yearly.

We saw markers at the roadside: black representing deaths and red for injuries, with colored strokes for the number of victims.

We were told that the Government Insurance Agency provided the budget and as a result has significantly increased its profits and that of the state, due to accident reduction.

Why can't we do the same in Israel? In 50 years with so many achievements - "if you will it, it is no dream."

SHIRLEY PERLMAN

Netanya.

DIRECT ELECTIONS

Sir, - In "Anarchy at the gate" (Sept. 25), Moshe Arens moves directly to the problem we face with respect to the direct election process. He suddenly stops, to make a U-turn.

He correctly cites the problem as multiple "one-issue" and "self-issue" parties, however, he then places the blame on his interpretation of direct elections!

Sir, - A great deal is written about the secular-religious conflict in Israel, as if there were just two camps. However, we tend to forget that a large number of Israelis are traditional people who behave in a modern, secular fashion but feel close to Judaism and often identify with religious values.

The hard-core liberal group which advocates the separation of

state and religion appears to be a distinct but powerful minority that invariably attacks religious laws, customs and the Orthodox leadership.

Voting patterns provide ample evidence that Israel has a substantial traditional, silent majority.

TSVI NOVEMBER

Jerusalem.

THE SILENT MAJORITY

WIESEL HAS LEARNED NOTHING

Sir, - Arthur Cohn's article on Elie Wiesel (October 2) is interesting both for what it says and for what it does not state.

Mr. Cohn rightly omits reference to Elie Wiesel's relationship to Israel, Wiesel's link to Israel is indeed frail.

The self-evident lesson of the Holocaust, through which Wiesel himself went, is that the place of a

Jew is in the Jewish State.

How a philosopher and author of Wiesel's stature fails to perceive, or chooses to ignore, this obvious act, and remains instead in Galut, proves sadly that notwithstanding his wisdom and brilliance, he has learned nothing.

ZEPHANIAH KAHALANI

Jerusalem.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

65 years ago: On October 25, 1933, The Palestine Post reported that Arab squatters on the land in Karkur, belonging to Mr. S.S. Bloom, an American living in Tel Aviv, had increased in number, and there were now 35 tents pitched on 800 dunams belonging to him. Mr. Bloom bought this land in 1929 and no Arabs had worked or lived on this land since.

1948, The Palestine Post reported that heavy fighting had flared up again in northern Galilee following a strong attack by the Lebanese troops and Kaukji's "Arab Liberation Army." They suffered heavy losses and were ultimately forced to retreat. Arab Legion guns shelled Ashdot Ya'acov and Geshet.

that Egyptian President Anwar Sadat issued a desperate call to the US and the Soviet Union to dispatch their troops to help enforce the cease-fire while his boxed-in Third Army made desperate but futile attempts to break out from the Israeli ring. Hundreds of Egyptian soldiers surrendered daily. Foreign Minister Abba Eban said that there will be no accord till all Israeli POWs were released.

Alexander Zvielli

25 years ago: On October 25, 1973, The Jerusalem Post reported

that the North has amassed "a 1,000-ton stockpile - 70 tons of which could be used immediately upon South Korean population centers."

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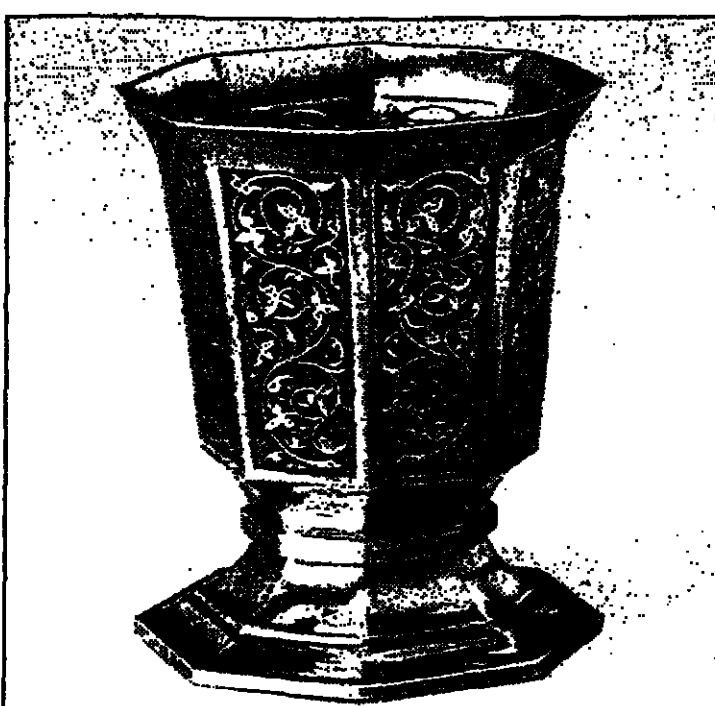
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Moses Judah Leib ben Wolf Broda: pages from an illustrated manuscript of Tehillim (Psalms) 128 leaves, Moravia, 1723 (\$60,000-\$80,000 at Sotheby's Tel Aviv, November 9)



Silver gilt Kiddush cup, Russian, 1858 (\$4,000-\$6,000 at Sotheby's Tel Aviv)

Record prices for photographs

AT THE AUCTIONS

By MEIR KAHNEN

Can you believe that someone would pay \$224,500 for a photograph? An anonymous buyer did at Sotheby's sale of photographs in New York October 7.

The signed print was the most durable image of the Depression, made in the '30s by Dorothea Lange (1895-1965). Entitled *Human Erosion in California*, it shows a weary, anxious mother and her starving children. It set an auction record for Lange when it doubled its estimate.

Other records were set at this sale when a shot of the Ford plant by Charles Sheeler, better known as an impeccable painter of industrial scenes, soared above its \$30,000 estimate to fetch \$233,500; and when the famous twins by the late Diane Arbus sold for \$101,500.

The *Hand of Man* by Alfred Steglitz went well over its estimate to fetch \$107,000.

Photographs are selling better than ever. Nearly 77% of the lots were sold at this sale, which realized a total of \$3.56m.

SOTHEBY'S Russian sales are usually of good quality, but half the lots in the lackluster Russian Sale in London October 7 unsurprisingly failed to sell.

Nevertheless, the grand total was \$1.55m., helped along when famed cellist and conductor Mstislav Rostropovich and his wife Galina forked out \$287,500 for a picture by Nicholas Roerich (1874-1947) entitled *The Treasure of the Angels*.

This monumental painting of angels carrying spears and shields outside the walls of the Holy City, a medieval Kremlin, was painted in 1905 and was recently rediscovered, having been stored in an

American warehouse for half a century. The painting was once widely exhibited but Roerich refused to part with it and kept it with him when he eventually settled in the United States.

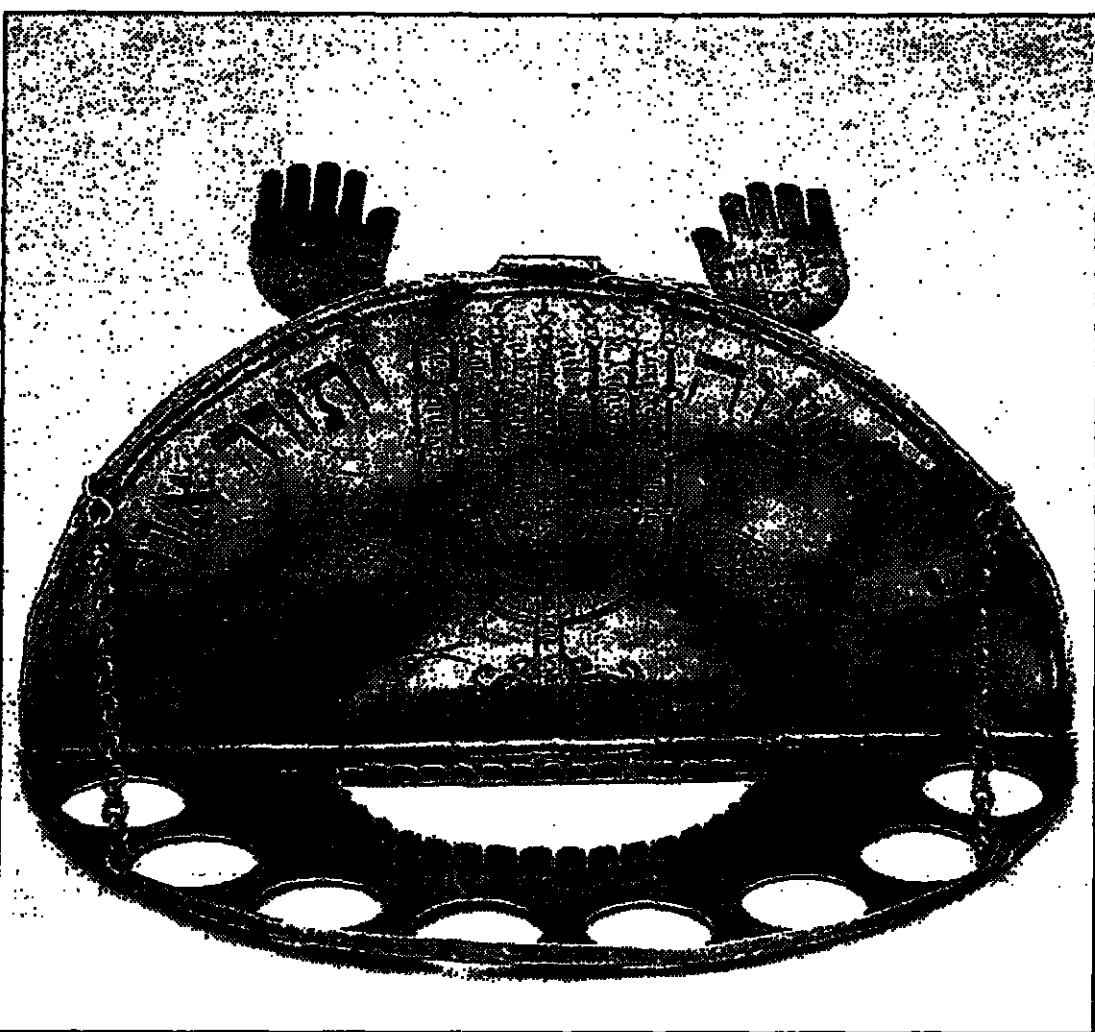
It hadn't been seen since his death. The price paid was way beyond its roughest estimate. Also in this show, an oil by Nikolai Sverchkov (1817-98) depicting Ivan the Terrible watching a staged battle between wretched serfs and several bears, went to an anonymous collector for \$62,000. The same price, actually double its estimate, was achieved by the most pleasant and accomplished oil in the show, *A Young Russian Beauty*, showing a girl in folk costume, by Konstantin Makovsky (1839-1915).

AN EVEN more breathtaking coup was brought off by Sotheby's London on October 14 when a late 16th-century Persian silk velvet panel, identified in Germany by Sotheby's expert Jacqueline Coulter, sold for an incredible £793,000 (\$1.3m.). This very rare Safavid panel, worked with four mirror-image scenes of lovers exchanging a cup of wine in a pastoral earthly paradise, had an estimate of £80,000. The successful bid came from an anonymous telephone buyer. The seller's father had received the panel as settlement for a bad debt some 35 years ago. It had been wrapped, stored in a cellar and forgotten.

An English Blackmore Brothers Axminster carpet from 1850 went for an expected £84,000 at this sale but another Axminster fetched six times its estimate at £78,500.

This carpet sale barely reached 56% by lot, but achieved over 78% by value with a total of nearly £2m.

A TWO-DAY sale at Sotheby's London of the library of author Peter Hopkirk, described in a previous column, raised a total of



Silver Hanukkah lamp, Eretz Yisrael, end 19th century (\$2,500-\$3,000 at Sotheby's Tel Aviv)

£989,000 (\$1.66m.), more than double its estimate. Top price of £11,500 was paid for a first edition of Sir Richard Burton's *Personal Narrative of a Pilgrimage to El-Medina*, five times its estimate. Ten books about travels in the Middle and Near East all set auction records.

A SALE of Applied Art Since 1880 at Sotheby's London on October 30 is a fascinating mix of glass, furniture, ceramics, kitsch

figurines and glamour illustration, ranging from Art Nouveau and Wiener Werkstatte items to the later extravaganzas of Art Deco. Many of the lots, like Carlo Bugatti's incredible throne chairs, circa 1900, are monumental in their bad taste; they look as though they might have been built for an epic by Cecil B. DeMille (£25,000-£35,000).

There are however some more restrained designs like Koloman Moser's handsome beech and

leather bench from 1905 (£7,000-£10,000) and William Burges's wonderful dressing table mirror from 1858, one of the earliest items in the sale (£8,000-£12,000). A great variety of lamps and glass, notably by Daum and Lalique, are also on offer.

Bidding should be brisk for the sole Josef Hoffmann lot: a silver teapot, tea ball and sugar bowl by this brilliant designer, made at the Wiener Werkstatte, circa 1910 (£2,500-£3,500).

POLLARD

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"The person who leaked the story was irresponsible and did not think of the consequences. We must bear in mind that we are dealing with the life of a human being," Edelstein said.

He expressed the hope that Clinton would nevertheless make the gesture at a later date.

Liat Collins adds: News of Pollard's possible release as part of the Wye deal apparently was leaked by a senior member of the prime minister's delegation to someone in Israel, who then passed it on to Israel Radio reporter Gil Litman.

It is considered a likely scenario that the official leaked the information as a means of softening the reaction to the accord, while the person who passed the news on to Litman was hoping that, by giving him a scoop, Litman would owe him a favor.

Litman is a parliamentary reporter whose former beat was the settlers, whom he still covers during Knesset recesses.

Although there were those who said Litman would be the darling of the settlers if his story of Pollard's release ended up ruining the Wye deal, MKs on the Right seemed eager for Pollard's release.

Moledet leader Rehavam Ze'evi claimed that Pollard's release had been deliberately held up for months so it could be carried out at the same time as the agreement "to sweeten the bitter poison of the withdrawal."

Allison Kaplan Sommer adds: A link between the redeployment negotiations and Pollard's release was first publicized this summer, when Esther Pollard told The Jerusalem Post that Israeli officials had told her that her husband's case would be raised with the US as the last element in an agreement on a further IDF redeployment.

As one official was said to have explained it, the US would make some last-minute demands for concessions from the Israelis that would include a full handover of 13.1 percent of the West Bank to the Palestinian Authority.

In response, Israel would demand Pollard's release.

ACCORD

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Israel also will release 750 Palestinian prisoners on condition they were not members of Hamas and do not have Jewish or Arab blood on their hands.

The airport at Dabaniya in Gaza and the Karni industrial zone will be opened. The Gaza seaport will open within two months.

Other main points of the Wye Memorandum include:

- Acceptable security assurances: The working paper on combating terrorism - which has not been, nor will probably ever be published - was found to be sufficient by the Israelis. Its implementation will be overseen by the CIA.

- Palestinian statehood: There is a commitment by all the sides to reconvene for another summit if the final-status talks are not con-

cluded by May 4. The summit would take place after May, but would be announced beforehand.

As it is almost certain the talks will not be concluded by that time, this is in effect a commitment to postpone the declaration of a Palestinian state.

"It is a way for the Palestinians to elegantly get off the tree they have climbed," a top Israeli official said.

Third redeployment: A letter of assurance - as yet unpublished - was issued by the Americans, to the effect that Israel has the sole right to determine the scope and timing of the third redeployment.

Netanyahu plans to announce at the next cabinet meeting that the third redeployment will involve only 1 percent of the West Bank.

Both sides agree to immediately open accelerated final-status negotiations covering issues of borders, Jerusalem, Jewish settlements and Palestinian refugees.

WYE

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Clinton praised Netanyahu for "having stood so firmly" on behalf of Israel's security, and Arafat for "tenaciously defending the interests of his people."

Clinton called the accord a mutually beneficial outcome that moves them "another step closer toward fulfilling the promise of the Oslo Accords."

"This agreement is good for Israel's security. The commitments made by the Palestinians were very strong, the strongest of any we have ever seen. They include continuous security cooperation with Israel, and a comprehensive plan against terrorism and its support infrastructure," Clinton said.

"This agreement is good for the political and economic well-being of Palestinians. It significantly expands areas under Palestinian authority to some 40 percent of the West Bank. It also offers the Palestinian people new economic opportunities. ... The Palestinian people will be able to breathe a little easier and benefit from the fruits of peace."

"Most important, perhaps, this agreement is good for the peace process itself."

But Clinton also put the onus on Netanyahu and Arafat to "assume faithful implementation" of what they had agreed on.

"It will test whether the Palestinian people is prepared to live at peace, recognizing Israel's permanence, legitimacy, and a common interest in security," Clinton said. "It will tell us whether Israelis are willing to help build a strong Palestinian entity that can fulfill the aspirations of its people and provide both real security and real partnership for both Palestinians and Israelis."

The hastily arranged signing ceremony had the feel of a three-way mutual congratulatory society of disaster survivors, with all speakers paying tribute to the others' endurance, determination, and sincerity at Wye River.

The emotional high point of the event came during Hussein's address a few minutes earlier, in his first public appearance since coming to the US to begin cancer treatment several months ago.

Calling himself "privileged" to have lent a helping hand in the final days of the Wye summit, Hussein had warm words for Clinton.

Poignantly, the chemotherapy-weakened Hussein joked that the Wye experience had left him with "no hair or eyebrows."

"By the way, many in ... the world have written me off. But I have a lot of faith in God and I believe that one lives one's destiny," Hussein continued, turning sideways to face the seated Netanyahu and Arafat.

Cell phones threaten birds' flight paths

Earthly Concerns



By D'vora Ben Shaul

Until now most research on cellular telephones and radio towers has concentrated on the possible health hazards that low-frequency radio waves (RFs) may pose to humans. But early this month, when more than 2,000 homing pigeons lost their way in races through Virginia and Pennsylvania, attention was also directed to the effect these electro-magnetic waves have on wildlife.

In a race from New Market, Virginia, to Allentown, Pennsylvania, 1,500 birds out of the 1,800 participating failed to return home. In a separate race in Pennsylvania on the same day, 700 of the 900 pigeons participating never made it to the finish line.

A few birds did arrive home after two days of flying around in confusion - but under normal conditions nearly all of the pigeons would have returned to their lofts after a few hours of brisk morning flight.

Experts say that the increasingly intense cellular telephone activity in the area was the most likely reason for the birds losing their way. Electromagnetic radiation interferes with the homing ability of migrating birds that orient



Environmentalists fear that static interference will affect all of earth's natural magnetic fields and have serious effects on migrating birds (Hanan Guttman)

themselves with an interior magnetic compass that utilizes the earth's electro-magnetic fields like a grid.

This is how storks, for instance, are able to fly from Scandinavian countries to the tip of South Africa without getting lost. Hundreds of other species, many of them songbirds, migrate over long distances guided by this mysterious direction finder that is genetically imprinted in their brains.

The recent races where so many

birds disappeared took place on a weekday, having been postponed from their usual Saturday or Sunday dates due to inclement weather. As a result, cellular telephone activity was higher than usual. Also affecting the races was the large increase in the number of transmission towers put up in the area over the past year.

This particular incident concerns only about 15,000 pigeon-racing fans in the US, but the overall implications are far more

serious. Now that more and more of the world is inundated with cellular phones, some environmentalists fear that static interference will affect all of earth's natural magnetic fields and have serious effects on migrating birds. China, for instance, intends to forgo landline telephone systems and go directly to cellular telephones using satellites and radio transmission towers.

The effect of radio transmission on migrating birds was the major

concern of local environmentalists who objected to the Voice of America station planned for the Negev. The VOA relay station would have been built in the path of one of the world's largest and busiest bird migration routes.

The plan was finally abandoned in 1994, but at the time experts were skeptical of the station's effect on the birds, calling the environmentalists a bunch of "bird brains." Now, it seems, they may not have been so wrong.

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But the host of yesterday's gathering, Beilin, suggested that Labor ought to find "a middle-of-the-road solution."

"So long as Netanyahu appears to be implementing his deal, we should support him. If it takes three months, then we ought to offer him a safety net for that length of time."

"But we should not join his coalition. Netanyahu has simply lost his parliamentary majority. We should allow him all the time he needs for the withdrawals he promised to make. As soon as these are completed, we should go to elections."

The scope of the safety net to be offered Netanyahu also is a hot issue in Labor.

The official stand, adopted at the

end of last week, is that Netanyahu be given about two weeks of grace, until he submits his deal to the Knesset for its approval. This was agreed upon following a special request from Netanyahu, which was forwarded to the opposition via Shearit.

During the two-week extension, Labor and the other opposition parties will not join no-confidence motions and will not bring down the government. Thus, the opposition overruled its own earlier decision to vote only for the Wye Memorandum on a one-shot basis.

However, Barak made it clear yesterday that while Labor will vote for the Wye Memorandum it will not support the government on other issues and will continue pressing ahead with the early elections bill.

The next no-confidence motion, presented by Moledet, awaits Netanyahu on Monday.

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One case where bigger really is better

Two researchers at Bar-Ilan University have discovered a way of curing hepatitis C before it hits the liver, Judy Siegel-Itzkovich writes

Anybody who underwent a blood transfusion or shared epidermic needles before 1990 is at risk for hepatitis C (HCV). And until recently, there wasn't much doctors could do for carriers of the virus, nearly a third of whom develop chronic liver disease 10 to 30 years after infection.

The only weapon against hepatitis C was interferon alpha, a rather expensive drug that slowed the proliferation of the virus.

Now Israeli researchers have found that megadoses of interferon alpha stops the production of HCV in the body - opening the way to curing the disease - but only if given early, before symptoms of liver cirrhosis appear.

If carriers are not identified in time, a decade or two from now hundreds or even thousands of Israelis a year could need liver transplants (only a few dozen are performed today) and even then there's no guarantee that the donor organ would not eventually become infected. There is also the 2 to 3 percent chance that carriers may develop liver cancer.

The number of Israelis carrying HCV is unclear, since initial symptoms are mild and easy to confuse with the flu. In the US, the estimate is four million carriers. Magen David Adom launched automated HCV screening of donated blood in 1990. Anywhere from 0.5% to 1% of blood donations turn out to be infected, but this figure doesn't represent the actual rate since people who are at high risk for blood-borne diseases are weeded out by Magen David Adom questionnaires.

Dr. Avidan Neumann, a biomathematician at Bar-Ilan University, and graduate student Harel Dahari showed why megadoses of interferon alpha are much more effective than conventional doses, based on treatment of 23 patients in Chicago. Their research was published recently in the prestigious journal *Science*.

Conventional doses of interferon alpha - which are given to carriers in most Israeli hospitals - eliminate only about 20% of the virus in the body. But the megadoses, about 10 times the conventional dose (10 million units), wipe out 99% of the virus. In some patients the HCV dies in a couple of days, while in others the disease is eliminated in a few months. Unfortunately, even with this high dose therapy, a minority of patients still have a relapse of the virus.

Working with Nancy Lam and Thomas Layden of the University of Illinois and other researchers in the US, the Bar-Ilan team recommended that much higher doses of the anti-viral drug be given to hepatitis C carriers even though it usually causes unpleasant side effects.

"Patients feel like they have a chronic bout of flu when they're taking it, but that's better than developing liver disease," Neumann noted in an interview.

Neumann recently returned to Bar-Ilan after several years of research at Los Alamos, New Mexico, labs for theoretical biology, located not far from where America's atom bomb was developed.

There are quite a few similarities

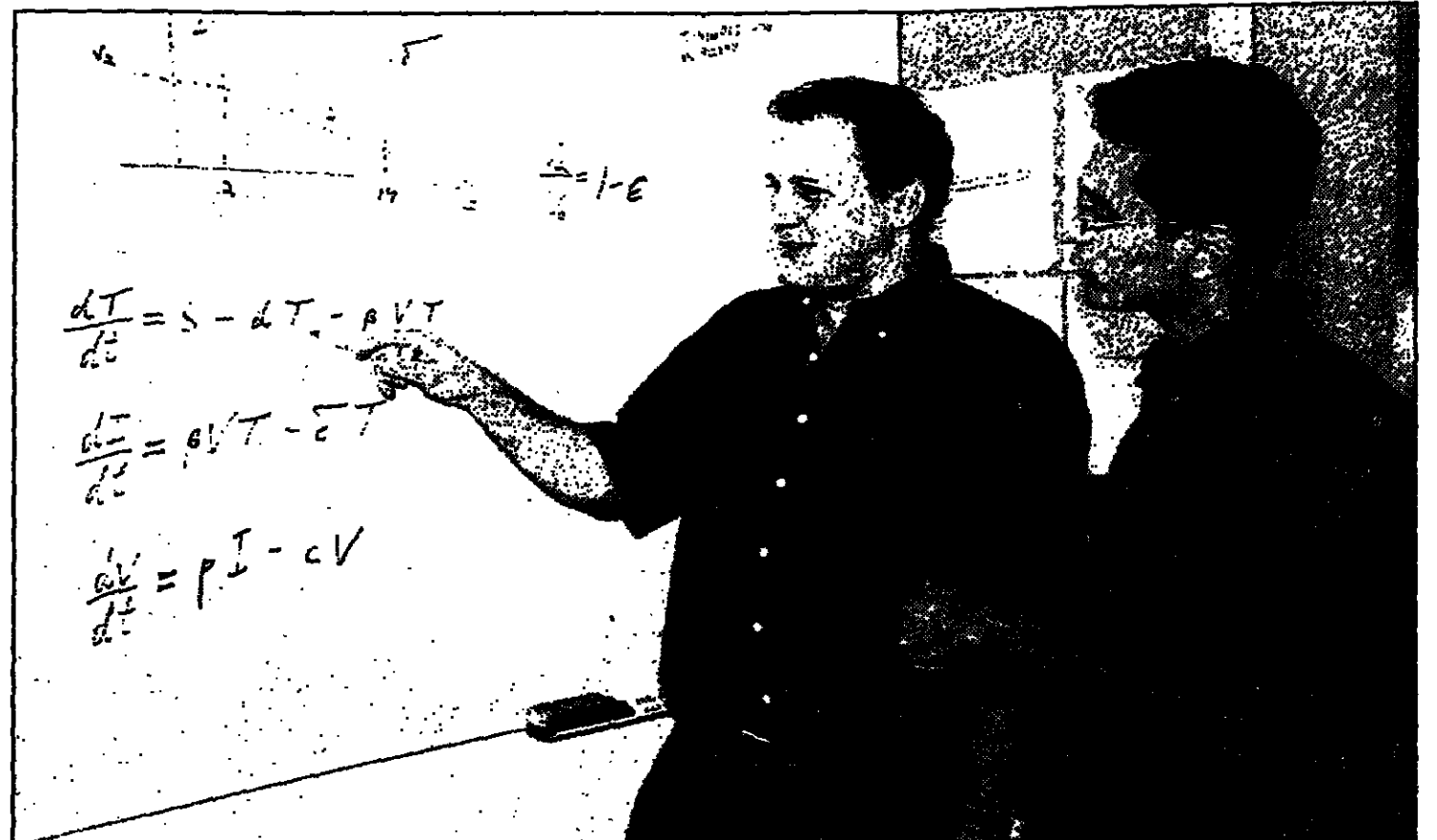
between HIV (the AIDS virus), and HCV, Neumann pointed out. Hepatitis B, against which there are effective vaccines, is a DNA virus, but hepatitis C - like HIV - is an RNA virus that makes many errors during replication. "We have found in this study that the virus replicates very rapidly, with many millions of viruses produced in a patient each day; this, together with the fact that many errors are made, means that the strains change frequently, making it difficult to pin the virus down and develop an effective vaccine."

HCV is transmitted through blood contact - by unscreened transfusions before infected donations were screened out and/or shared epidemic needles (such as those used by drug addicts). Incubation is very long - anywhere from 10 to 30 years. Neumann noted that, unlike with AIDS, sexual contact is an extremely rare means of HCV infection.

DR. Yoav Lurie, a hepatitis C expert and clinician at Kaplan Hospital's Gastroenterology Institute, has applied Neumann's discovery and used megadoses of interferon alpha on patients.

"Although one would think that giving much more of the drug would cause unbearable side effects, we have found that this isn't so. We use reduction therapy, starting with daily high doses over a period of two weeks and gradually cutting down. We have the impression that this way of doing it significantly reduces the flu-like side effects."

"If patients want to stop treat-



Neuman (left) and Dahari found that megadoses of interferon alpha - 10 times more than usually given can virtually destroy HVC.

(Yosi Reif)

ment because of the symptoms, I explain that a cure is worth suffering, even for a year, so our dropout rate is low."

If interferon alpha is given along with other anti-viral drugs, such as Ribavirin, in a kind of "cocktail," the treatment is even more effective, Lurie said.

Just as "cocktails" are used quite effectively to suppress HIV, a multi-drug approach is also necessary to prevent HCV from devel-

oping resistance, Neumann added.

Lurie, a doctor who is not an expert in medical economics and cost-benefit calculations, says it's difficult for him to recommend mass screening for HCV in Israel.

"There are discussions among experts in the field around the world, but there isn't even one country actually doing it. In my hospital, we're trying to catch HCV carriers early and give them megadoses of the drug before liver

disease makes its appearance."

The cost-benefit factor aside, Lurie said he would heartily recommend mass screening of all Israelis at high risk for HCV - people who received blood transfusions before 1990, drug addicts and others who have had contact with another's blood.

"While there is no mass screening, I'm sure that if someone who wants to be tested goes to his doctor and asks to be checked for

HCV, he won't be turned down. If he gets treatment in time, hepatitis C is curable."

Dr. Paul Slater, the Health Ministry's chief epidemiologist, was unaware of Neumann's research but read a copy of the *Science* article when it was sent to him. The ministry will consider mass screening of high-risk individuals, he said, only after other countries adopt the practice and prove it effective.

Mt. Everest's clue to headaches

By BRIGITTE GREENBERG

Yale University scientists who monitored Mount Everest climbers say they have new clues to what causes a rather ordinary affliction - the high-altitude headache.

The evidence indicates that people don't get headaches at high altitudes because of less oxygen in the brain, as researchers previously believed, but because of an overwhelming blood flow to the brain. "We know categorically that in high-altitude headaches, the mechanism is different than what we thought all along," said Dr. Richard Satava, professor of surgery.

Many people suffer headaches on the upper floors of tall buildings, while driving through mountains, or riding in airplanes. The research could lead to treatments for the common headache and the more severe migraine headache, and help doctors better understand normal fetal development, some experts say.

The treatment commonly available for high-altitude headaches is a diuretic and respiratory stimulant called Diamox. But it is not effective in all cases.

Many mountain climbers can adjust to the altitude gradually as they climb. Some wear masks attached to oxygen canisters, but those don't always provide enough oxygen. Others simply can't adapt.

On Everest, hypoxia - a lack of oxygen - is often accompanied by intense headaches that can impair decision-making, cause sluggishness and disorientation and hinder coordination. Some people can die suddenly from cerebral edema (swelling of the brain).

"We know a lot of people who have these bad headaches," said Ed Viesturs, star of the movie *Everest*, who reached the peak of Everest, 8,847 meters above sea level, five times.

"There are many whose vision starts to blur, whose speech gets slurred. They lose their balance.



When your head feels like it's splitting at high altitudes, it could be the result of too much blood flow to the brain.

They're not rational."

In those situations, climbers have to be carried down to where a helicopter can land and take them away, Viesturs said.

"They don't have a sense of what the lack of oxygen can really do to you almost until it's too late," he said. "Maybe if they discover what the actual mechanism of the headache is, we could save some people's lives."

The researchers, who hope to publish their findings in a peer-reviewed journal this fall, believe high-altitude headaches may be the body's way of warning climbers to descend before the brain suffers terrible consequences.

In the study conducted last spring, doctors at Everest Base Camp, 5,334 meters above sea level, examined 38 climbers from various international expeditions, as well as

native Sherpas who accompany the climbers.

Using a portable ultrasound device, the researchers measured the rate of blood flow in the carotid artery to the head and compared that with the rate in the brachial artery that feeds blood to the forearm.

The data showed a fourfold increase in the flow of blood to the head, according to Dr. Ronald Merrell, chairman of Yale's surgery department at New Hartford, Connecticut.

The climbers adapted to the low oxygen flow in a variety of ways. Some breathed harder, gasping for air at the higher altitudes. The bodies of others automatically increased the number of blood cells in the bloodstream.

And others - those who had headaches - experienced a marked increase in blood flow to the brain. Some climbers experienced a com-

bination of the three conditions.

Principal researcher Dr. Christian Macdonald said the increased blood flow to the brain was a way to compensate for the low levels of oxygen on Everest.

"We each have our own little scheme for adapting to the environment," said Macdonald, an Army major who practices at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington.

Some who get headaches suffer mini-strokes. Other climbers experience lapses in short-term memory while on the mountain, or long periods of forgetfulness after being on the mountain.

Similar research has been conducted on animals. Earlier this year, faculty at the University of Buffalo studied sheep that were placed in a pressurized chamber.

Cerebral blood pressure forced apart cells and allowed fluids to accumulate in and around brain tissues, causing swelling of the brain. UB neurologist Dr. Daniel Rifkin said the findings of the Yale study, the first in such an inhospitable environment, did not surprise him.

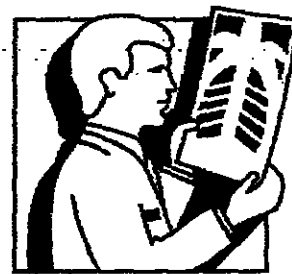
"It's almost like brain congestion," Rifkin said. "We don't really know the ramifications of long-term exposure to low oxygen levels. We need to find ways to protect those tissues."

Dr. Keith Campbell, editor of the journal *Headache* and former president of the American Association for the Study of Headache, said the Yale findings make sense. But because this was the first time carotid blood flow was measured in people in such conditions, Campbell said he would like to see further research.

"The lack of oxygen would have to change some mechanism in the brain," he said. "It throbs. You know there's more blood going through your head because of the pounding sensation."

Campbell said the findings may shed light on methods to treat some form of migraine headaches. (The Associated Press)

Health Scan



By Post Health Reporter

AIDS is increasingly looking like a chronic disease rather than an acute disorder that kills - in the Western world, at least.

The US National Health Center for Health Statistics has announced that AIDS is no longer one of the 10 leading causes of death in that country, largely because of the "cocktail" of protease inhibitors patients take to suppress HIV.

Preliminary statistics for 1997 indicate the death rate from AIDS has dropped by 47% since 1996, making the viral disease 14th on the list of most common causes of death, instead of eighth. Among people 25 to 44 years old, the group hardest hit by HIV infection, AIDS dropped to the fifth-leading cause of death in 1997 from the leading cause in 1995.

"Today's report is very good news for the nation, and the tremendous decline in AIDS deaths is particularly striking," Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala said, in a statement reported by Reuters.

"These figures mean that new treatments have been very effective in extending the lives of people who already have HIV infection - but they do not mean we have significantly reduced HIV transmission," Shalala added.

AIDS drops from list of West's killer diseases

New HIV infections still hold steady at 40,000 annually in the US, and death rates remain "extremely high" in the Third World, where the AIDS drugs - which cost \$40 a day - are almost completely unavailable.

Sandra Thurman, head of the Office of National AIDS policy, said people may get the wrong message that "there's nothing to worry about."

The sad truth, she said, "is that these new treatments have no effect on new infections. Also, they are very difficult to take and don't work for everybody. We're a long way off from having either a cure or a vaccine, so we need to invest more of our energies in prevention and education."

SMOKE SIGNALS FOR MKS Knesset Speaker MK Dan Tichon has promised "vigorous enforcement" of no-smoking laws in the Knesset.

Tichon made his commitment in a letter to Israel Medical Association chairman Dr. Yoram Blachar, who complained to him a few weeks ago about Knesset staffers' failure to enforce laws restricting smoking in the workplace.

He rejected Blachar's idea of making the entire building a no-smoking area, since "there are MKs who are heavy smokers and who spend days and nights here."

Blachar claimed that some MKs and Knesset staffers had responded with threats to requests that they put out their cigarettes. Tichon said he had instructed Knesset staffers to enforce the law, which allows smoking only in secluded, well-ventilated areas, and whose violation entails fines.

CHEMICAL TIME-BOMB? Chemicals that mimic the effects of estrogen have been

identified in cosmetics and toiletries by British scientists who suspect they may be connected to lower sperm counts in men and a rise in both breast and testicular cancers and impaired sexual development.

These substances have been commonly used for many years, according to Prof. John Sumpter of London's Brunel University. He told Reuters that it was the first time the chemicals have been reported to be estrogenic, but he was not certain the substances were harmful to humans.

"That's what we need to find out," said Sumpter, who published his team's findings in the journal *Toxicology and Applied Pharmacology*.

"At the moment, we have no evidence that will link those chemicals with any adverse effects in humans, but I think we need more research. It's a powerful hypothesis, but at the moment it is not supported by data," said Sumpter.

The chemicals, which have been approved for use in preservatives known as parabens in toiletries, are found in thousands of products, ranging from sun-blocks and cosmetics to baby creams. They prevent the products from spoiling, but may also cause allergic reactions such as skin rashes, swelling and itching in sensitive people.

Scientists believe hormone-disrupting compounds, which are used in plastics, pesticides and detergents, can disrupt biochemical pathways and natural hormones in the body, causing birth defects and damage to wildlife.

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced recently that it will screen 15,000 chemicals to identify and characterize man-made chemicals that mimic estrogen.

Avoid routine mammograms if you're over 70

By MAGGIE FOX

WASHINGTON - Women know that when they reach 50, they should be getting a mammogram every couple of years for the next two decades.

But what about elderly women, over the age of 70? Is a breast scan for them a waste of time and money and a trigger of anxiety?

A report published in the *US Journal of the National Cancer Institute* shows that mammograms detect cancer in fewer than one in 100 cases in elderly women.

Chief researcher Karla Kerlikowske of the University of California at San Francisco said such women are much more likely to die of heart disease, and perhaps should be saved the trauma of a mammogram.

"There's no evidence that there's any benefit for someone 70 and

older," she said.

"You're asking someone to undergo known risks - false positives and small, insignificant lesions that lead to surgery, when you don't know that there's any benefit," Kerlikowske added.

Fellow researchers Gilbert Welch and Elliott Fisher of Dartmouth Medical School in Hanover, New Hampshire, followed the cases of more than 23,000 women over the age of 65 for eight months to see how well mammography worked for them.

For every 1,000 women who got a mammogram, 85 were called back for more tests because something suspicious showed up on the scan. Of these, seven had cancer.

This works out to less than one case of cancer per 100 women screened. In many cases, the cancer was benign and would probably not have progressed to fatal disease,

they added.

Welch and Fisher found 13% of the women had more than one mammogram and 11% had biopsies - painful procedures in which breast tissue is removed for analysis.

SEVERAL studies have shown that screening younger women saves lives. Regular mammograms in women aged 50 to 70 result in a 30% 40% drop in death from breast cancer.

But Kerlikowske and colleague Rebecca Smith-Bindman said it may not be beneficial to test women over the age of 70, as their risk of dying from breast cancer is much lower than the risk of dying of heart disease.

"At 65 the risk of death from cardiovascular disease goes way up and it dwarfs the risk from breast cancer," Kerlikowske said. "To me,

it seems pretty clear."

Mammograms can be painful - the breast must be compressed against a plate. Then there is the sometimes anxious wait for a result, and the trouble of follow-up tests and biopsies if something does show up.

Smith-Bindman and Kerlikowske said the risk of a false positive was so high that it may not be worth distressing an older patient.

"While some women may easily tolerate the additional tests that are recommended following an abnormal screening result, others may feel considerable psychological distress," they wrote in a commentary in the journal.

"Elderly women who are bothered by medical tests, visits to doctors, or the discomfort of undergoing mammography, or those who experience substantial anxiety waiting for test results and are willing to

accept a small risk of breast cancer might rationally defer screening."

The researchers said elderly women who have three or more other conditions, such as high blood pressure, diabetes, arthritis or heart disease are 20 times more likely to die of something other than breast cancer anyway.

Many times mammographies show up ductal cancer *in situ* - a benign form of breast cancer that often does not progress, but which is usually removed anyway. Such an operation may be a waste of time, and is in itself dangerous.

"An 80-year-old woman has an average life expectancy of nine years, and an 85-year-old woman has an average life expectancy of only six years," they wrote.

They said guidelines on who should get mammograms and how often should take this into consideration. (Reuters)



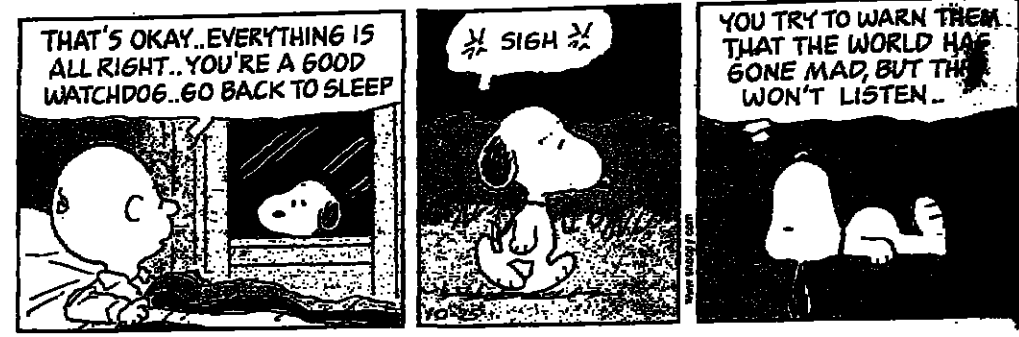
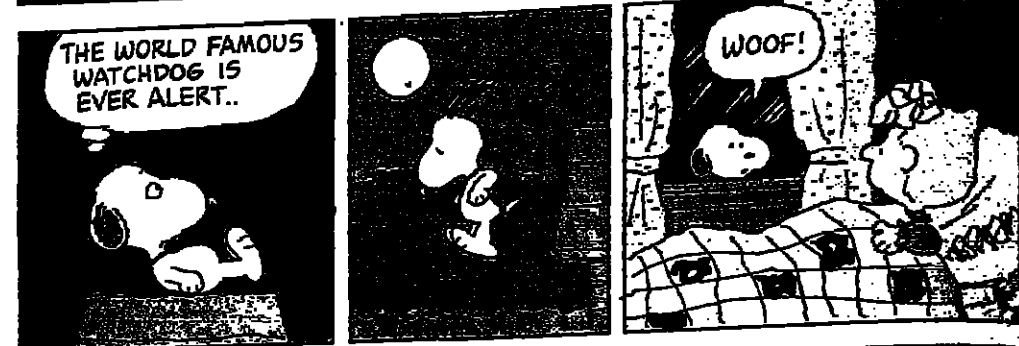
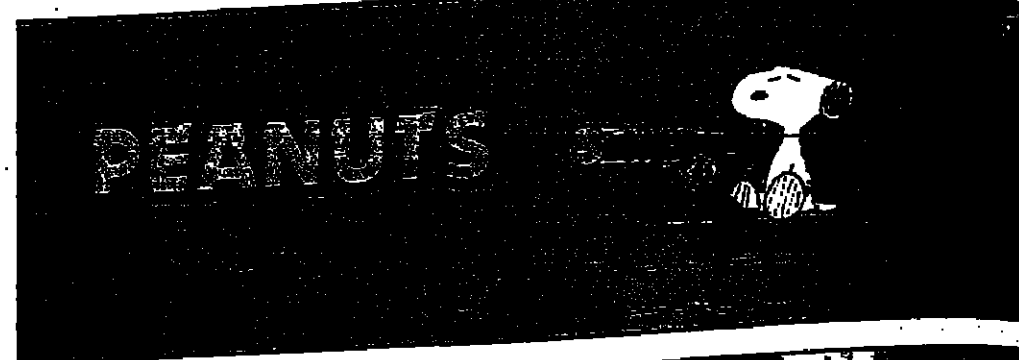
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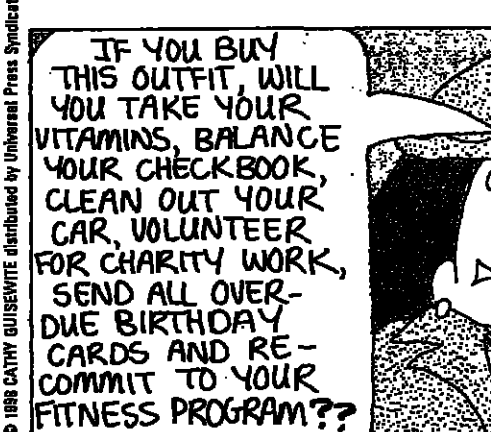
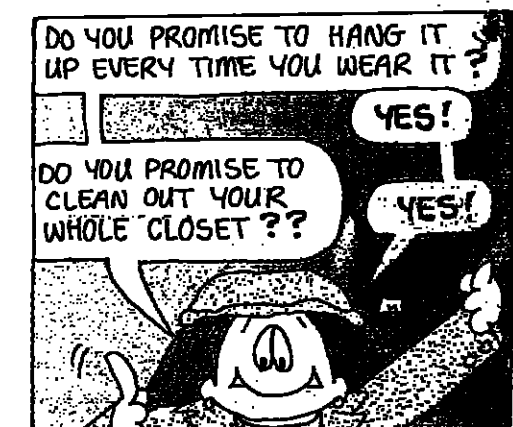
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Beckenbauer

WIESBADEN (Reuters) — The German Soccer Federation (DFB) elected Franz Beckenbauer vice-president yesterday, hoping he would lift the gloom surrounding Germany's game.

The 53-year-old Bayern Munich president was appointed, as expected, by 185 votes to 16 with two abstentions at the DFB's annual congress.

As well as helping to develop German soccer, in deep crisis since the shock World Cup quarter-final defeat by Croatia last July in France, Beckenbauer should be asked to promote the country's bid to host the 2006 World Cup finals. The venue will be decided in March 2000.

Beckenbauer, the most influential personality in German soccer, last worked for the DFB as head coach, when he steered Germany to victory in the 1990 World Cup in Italy.

The 203 delegates agreed unanimously to give president Egidius Braun another three-year term.

The 73-year-old Braun has been criticized for naming Erich Ribbeck as head coach after Bert Vogts stepped down amid intense media pressure last month. Former Bayern Munich coach Ribbeck has plenty of experience but not the pedigree of his predecessors.

German first division results: Yesterday: VfL Wolfsburg 2, Eintracht Frankfurt 0; VfL Bochum 2, Borussia Mönchengladbach 1; Nürnberg 2, VfB Stuttgart 2; Hansa Rostock 2, Schalke 04 2; Bayern Munich 4, Kaiserslautern 0. Friday: Hamburg SV 1, Werder Bremen 1; SC Freiburg 2, Borussia Dortmund 2. Today: Bayer Leverkusen v TSV 1860, Munich MSV Duisburg v Hertha Berlin.

Owen hits four for Liverpool; Villa draw

LONDON (AP) — Teenage World Cup star Michael Owen hit four goals on his return to the Liverpool starting lineup yesterday in a 5-1 crushing of Nottingham Forest at Anfield.

The 18-year-old striker's omission from the starting eleven in Tuesday's UEFA Cup game against Valencia sparked speculation that the youngster was jaded. He responded with a four-goal spectacular, including two individual runs like the memorable World Cup goal he scored against Argentina.

Owen's four sent Liverpool up four places to third at a time when the Merseyside team had begun to drop out of title contention.

Premier League leader, Aston Villa hit back from a goal down for a 1-1 tie with Leicester to preserve their unbeaten record.

Defender Ugo Ehiogu netted Villa's leveler after veteran striker Tony Cottee had fired Leicester ahead at Villa Park.

Second place Manchester United also rallied from a goal down to salvage a 1-1 tie at Derby. Jamaican World Cup player Dean Burton fired the Rams ahead, but substitute Jordi Cruyff replied five minutes from the end for the Reds, who remain four points behind Villa but with a game in hand.

Middlesbrough, who surrendered third place to Liverpool, twice took the lead at Wimbledon but were held to a 2-2 tie by Marcus Gayle's two equalizers. Robbie Mustoe and Colombian striker Hamilton Ricard netted Boro's two goals.

Tottenham downed Newcastle 2-0 with two goals from Norwegian striker Steffen Iversen and moved up to eighth under new manager George Graham.

At the bottom, Southampton gained their first win the season, downing next to last Coventry 2-1, but staying in 20th place.

Matthew Le Tissier scored the first and set up the second for Egil Olsen and at least Dave Jones' team has cut the deficit from six to three points.

Despite the loss, Coventry goes up one place because Forest's heavy defeat at Liverpool meant it slipped to 19th on goal difference.

Today, Chelsea, which slipped to fifth, goes to Leeds, and defending titlist Arsenal hopes to



ONE DOWN, ONE TO GO — Tottenham Hotspur's Swedish striker Steffen Iversen celebrates the first of his two goals against Newcastle. The Magpies' Laurent Charvet watches from the ground. (Reuters)

improve on its sixth place by winning at Blackburn.

Sheffield Wednesday and Everton ground out a 0-0 tie while Charlton scored a 4-2 victory over London neighbor West Ham after trailing 2-1 at half time.

Second half goals by Danny Mills, Andy Hunt and Neil Redfearn turned the match around after Ian Wright and Eyal Berkovic had given the Hammers an interval lead.

Sunderland charged to the top of division one after a 1-0 victory over Bury and leader Huddersfield 4-1 loss at Norwich.

Sunderland now leads by a point. Kilmarnock squandered a

chance to move top of the Scottish Premier League with Rangers in League Cup action today against division one Airdrie.

Aston Villa 1, Leicester 1 (0-1)

Tony Cottee fired the Foxes ahead in the 36th minute, collecting a cross from Theo Zoragakis, turning and firing it powerfully into the net.

Defender Ugo Ehiogu gained a point for the league leader in the 68th minute, heading in an inswinging corner from Lee Hendrie.

Charlton 4, West Ham 2 (1-2)

Ian Wright headed home a corner to give West Ham a 17th minute lead but Charlton defender Carl Tiler fired his first goal for the club also following a flag kick. Eyal

Berkovic restored West Ham's lead five minutes before the break but Danny Mills took a Paul Mortimer through ball to make it 2-2 in the 73rd. Andy Hunt shot Charlton ahead from 18 meters three minutes from the end and Neil Redfearn's penalty, after a foul on substitute John Robinson, made it 4-2.

Derby 1, Man United 1 (0-0)

Dean Burton fired Derby ahead in the 74th minute from Darryl Powell's cross. United made a triple substitution, sending on Jordi Cruyff, Jesper Blomqvist and Paul Scholes and it was the Dutch forward who grabbed an equalizer four minutes from the end with shot past keeper Russel Hoult.

Southampton 2 Coventry 1 (2-0)

Matt Le Tissier headed home a Stuart Ripley cross in the 23rd minute to give the Saints the lead. A minute before half time, Egil Olsen turned in a cross from Le Tissier to make it 2-0. Coventry hit back in the second half when Dion Dublin headed in off the post.

Tottenham 2, Newcastle 0 (1-0)

Steffen Iversen, substituting for injured Les Ferdinand after only 18 minutes, shot Spurs ahead a minute before the break. He added the second 14 minutes from the end after intercepting a poor back pass from Andrew Griffin. Spurs' Colin Calderwood was sent off after his second yellow card.

Premier League									
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Aston Villa	10	6	4	0	11	3	22		
Man United	9	5	3	1	19	8	18		
Liverpool	10	4	4	2	18	11	16		
Huddersfield	8	4	3	1	13	9	15		
Chelsea	9	3	5	1	10	4	14		
Arsenal	10	4	2	4	15	13	14		
Newcastle	10	4	2	4	12	16	14		
Tottenham	10	3	4	3	17	14	13		
Charlton	10	3	4	3	8	7	13		
Derby	10	3	4	3	10	10	13		
Leicester	10	3	4	3	15	18	13		
Wimbledon	10	3	4	3	9	12	13		
West Ham	9	2	6	1	9	6	12		
Leeds	9	2	6	2	6	6	12		
Everton	10	3	1	6	8	10	10		
Sheff Wed	10	3	2	5	9	12	8		
Blackburn	9	2	2	5	7	16	8		
Coventry	10	2	2	6	7	16	8		
Notts Forest	10	2	2	6	7	16	8		
Southampton	10	1	2	7	6	23	5		

Aston Villa 1, Leicester 1; Charlton 4, West Ham 2; Derby 1, Manchester United 1; Liverpool 5, Nottingham Forest 1; Sheffield Wednesday 0, Everton 0; Southampton 2, Coventry 1; Tottenham 2, Newcastle 0; Wimbledon 2, Middlesbrough 2.

Division One									
GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts			
Sunderland	14	7	7	0	30	10	28		
Huddersfield	16	8	3	5	22	22	27		
Birmingham	15	7	4	4	20	14	25		
Ipswich	14	7	4	3	19	8	25		
Watford	15	7	3	5	24	24	24		
Norwich	13	7	2	4	22	17	23		
Sheff United	15	6	5	4	22	21	23		
Grimsby	15	6	4	5	19	17	22		
Wolverhampton	14	6	3	5	29	25	21		
Bolton	13	5	6	2	28	21	21		
Bradford	14	6	3	5	23	18	21		
Wolves	14	6	3	5	18	21	21		
Port Vale	15	6	3	6	16	24	21		
Crystal Palace	16	6	2	8	20	19	20		
Bury	16	5	5	6	19	22	18		
Barnley	15	4	6	5	18	20	18		
Tranmere	14	4	6	4	18	20	17		
Preston	16	4	5	7	24	25	17		
Sheff Wed	15	3	8	4	17	20	17		
Blackpool	16	3	6	7	25	31	15		
Swindon	16	3	5	8	22	29	14		
Oxford United	16	3	4	9	18	30	13		
Crewe	14	2	4	8	17	28	10		
QPR	13	2	3	8	10	22	9		

Barnsley 2, Portsmouth 1; Bradford 1, Crystal Palace 1 abandoned (waterlogged field); Crewe 1, Tranmere 4; Norwich 4, Huddersfield 1; Oxford United 0, Sheff United 2; Stockport 0, Ipswich 1; Sunderland 1, Bury 0; Swindon 2, West Bromwich Albion 2; Watford 2, Port Vale 2; Wolves 2, Grimsby 0.

Division Two									
GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts			
Sheff	15	10	1	4	22	13	31		
Preston	15	8	5	2	28	15	29		
Fulham	13	8	3	2	20	10	27		
Luton	15	8	3	4	20	13	27		
Walsall	15	8	2	5	19	19	26		
Bournemouth	14	6	5	3	20	13	23		
Millwall	15	6	4	5	16	16	22		
Cheshfield	14	6	4	4	11	9	22		
Blackpool	14	6	3	5	19	19	21		
Bristol Rovers	15	5	6	4	18	15	21		
Man City	15	5	6	4	18	16	21		
Gillingham	15	4	8	3	22	16	20		
Wrexham	15	5	5	5	15	29	20		
York	13	5	4	4	21	21	19		
Barnley	15	4	5	6	18	18	17		
Wrexham County	15	4	5	6	18	20	17		
Wigan	15	4	5	6	16	16	17		
Reading	13	4	4	5	13	18	16		
Colchester	14	4	4	6	13	18	16		
Macclesfield	15	3	7	5	13	21	14		
Northampton	15	2	7	6	15	19	13		
Oldham	15	3	3	9	12	22	12		
Lincoln City	14	3	2	9	14	25	11		
Wycombe	15	2	4	9	12	21	10		

Blackpool vs. Cheshfield postponed (waterlogged field); Colchester 3, Bournemouth 1 abandoned (waterlogged field); Fulham 4, Walsall 1; Gillingham 1, Luton 0; Macclesfield 2, Burnley 1; Manchester City 0, Reading 1; Northampton 1, Preston 1; Notts County 1, Bristol Rovers 1; Oldham 0, Wycombe 0; Stoke 2, Wigan 1; Wrexham 0, Millwall 0; York vs. Lincoln postponed (waterlogged field).

Division Three									
GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts			
Scunthorpe	15	8	3	4	29	26	27		
Brentford	13	9	0	4	27	17	27		
Darlington	14	7	4	3	21	16	25		
Rotherham	15	7	3	5	27	20	24		
Cambs United	15	7	3	5	23	18	24		
Mossfield	14	7	3	4	20	16	24		
Cardiff	14	7	3	4	17	14	24		
Halifax	15	6	5	4	21	14	23		
Plymouth	13	7	2	4	17	10	23		
Leyton Orient	15	5	6	4	16	17	21		
Peterborough	14	6	2	6	27	19	20		
Exeter	14	6	2	6	17	18	20		
Harlepool	15	5	4	6	21	23	19		
Chesham	14	4	7	3	17	19	19		
Carlisle	14	5	4	5	16	16	19		
Southend	15	4	6	5	17	18	18		
Swansea	14	4	5	5	17	15	17		
Rockdale	14	4	4	6	14	18	16		
Brighams	15	5	1	9	14	23	16		
Shrewsbury	15	4	4	7	10	18	16		
Torquay	15	3	6	6	16	22	15		
Barnet	15	4	3	8	15	25	15		
Scarborough	14	4	2	8	18	20	14		
Hull	15	3	2	10	15	30	11		

Barnet 0, Brighton 1; Cambridge United 0, Shrewsbury 0; Carlisle vs. Cardiff postponed (waterlogged field); Darlington vs. Exeter postponed (waterlogged field); Harlepool 4, Torquay 1; Hull 1, Southend 1; Leyton Orient 1, Halifax 0; Mansfield vs. Peterborough postponed (waterlogged field); Plymouth vs. Chester postponed (waterlogged field); Rockdale vs. Scarborough postponed (waterlogged field); Scunthorpe 4, Rotherham 3; Swansea vs. Brentford postponed (waterlogged field).

Scottish Premier									
GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts			
Rangers	10	6	3	1	17	5	21		
Kilmarnock	11	5	5	1	14	7	20		
Celtic	11	4	5	2	18	11	17		
St Johnstone	11	4	4	3	14	12	16		
Dundee United	11	3	4	4	9	11	13		
Hearts	11	3	4	4	10	13	13		
Aberdeen	11	2	4	5	10	15	10		
Dunfermline	10	1	7	2	8	13	10		
Dundee	10	2	3	5	9	13	9		
Motherwell	10	2	3	5	5	14	9		

Celtic 2, Aberdeen 0; Dundee vs. Dunfermline postponed (waterlogged field); Hearts 0, Dundee United 1.

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Bethlehem	28/12	14/5/7	27/8	13/5/5	20/6	14/5/7	31/8	15/6/8				
Dead Sea	30/11	17/6/2	30/1	18/6/4	34/3	18/6/4	35/5	21/7/8				